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HOIHOW'S FALL.

HOW GENERAL TANG FLED.

WUCHOW PARLEY.

An official in the Kuomintang who passed through Hongkong yesterday on his return to Canton from Pakhoi informed a *Telegraph* representative that the capture of Hoihow by the Kuomin-tang forces took place last Friday as a result of a flank attack which completely took Tang Poon-yuan's troops by surprise. Tang's forces were routed, the remnants fleeing past Kungchow and going inland.

The possibility of defeat had been provided for by the defender and when General Tang fled from the town he transferred in the rough garb of a fisherman to a foreign steamer, alleged to be a Japanese, which was standing by. It is said that a colossal price amounting to \$200,000, was paid as passage money by Tang and his subordinates, the vessel having been diverted from her usual route and specially chartered for the purpose of enabling the General to make his escape from Hainan.

In this campaign, which has resulted in the capture of Hainan Island, some 20,000 troops were used by the Kuomintang Government. They were led by General Chen Kwei-fat, a Lieutenant of Li Kai-sun.

For the first time since its inception, the present regime is enjoying a respite from its military labours, but this promises to be short-lived, for scarcely has the military position in Hainan been made secure than Mr. Wang Ching-wai, the Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Government, General Sung Chi-wai and General Tan Yen-kui have hastened with all speed, during the week-end, to Wuchow where they are to confer with Generals Wong Siu-hung and Li Chung-yan on the military position in Yunnan, and Kwangsi, with the object of bringing these provinces under the control of Canton.

THE WUCHOW CONFERENCE.

In connection with the above, a report from Wuchow says that in view of the coming visit of Mr. Wang Ching-wai and General Chang Kai-shek, the Tupan (Li Chung-yan) had issued a proclamation to the effect that, on the day of the arrival of Mr. Wang, and General Chang, all Government offices and public institutions, as well as the principal streets, should be suitably decorated with flags, bunting, etc., and every house should display the flag of the Government. Further orders have been given to the Garrison Commandant and the Police Department to take extra precautionary measures.

It is reported from Canton that Mr. Wang Ching-wai, accompanied by General Tan Yen-kui, and Messrs. T. V. Sung and Kum Waitong departed by special train on the Samshui Railway on the 25th instant and at Samshui they will be conveyed to Wuchow by gunboat. It is said that the party will make a stay of four days when it is expected that all matters in connection with the conferences will be definitely decided. It is also stated that the selection of Mr. Kum Wal-kwong as a member of the delegation is made because Mr. Kum is a Kwangsi man, having been born at Wuchow, and that his presence at the conference would give greater weight to the Canton Government. There are two reports concerning General Chang Kai-shek. One is that, owing to the urgency of military affairs, he will not be able to leave Canton, while another says that he will proceed to Wuchow direct by gunboat.

Later news is to the effect that Mr. Wang Ching-wai and party have sent a wireless message to Canton stating that they arrived at Wuchow on the evening of the 26th instant.

SENSATIONAL AFFAIR IN CITY.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AFTER CHOPPER ATTACK.

TWO MEN INJURED.

Connaught Road Central, during one of its busiest hours this morning, was the scene of what might yet develop into a double tragedy.

Shortly after half past nine a Chinese was seen to jump into the road from the second floor veranda of the Hoo Cheong Wo shop, which is close by the Jubilee Street side of the new Fire Station building, and he sustained severe injuries, including, it is stated, a fractured skull.

Subsequent investigations revealed that another fok was lying inside the shop with injuries to the head. It appeared that the two men had quarrelled and that in the course of the struggle which ensued, the man who later attempted suicide, secured a chopper and attacked his companion with it. The man fell to the ground with several cuts about the head and arms, after which the other appears to have reflected as to the result of his action, took flight, ran upstairs and jumped into the street below in an attempt to commit suicide.

The cause of the quarrel is at present unknown.

The ambulance was immediately sent for and both men were taken to the Government Civil Hospital where it is understood both are in a serious condition.

The Hoo Cheong Wo firm are well-known ship-chandlers and employ many fokis.

THE "TAMING."

LEAVES HOIHOW TO-NIGHT.

Whatever the actual cause of the delay suffered by the s.s. *Taming* at Hoihow, it is now clear that the difficulties have been overcome, for Messrs. Butterfield and Swire have received a wireless message from a vessel at Hoihow to the effect that the *Taming* will be leaving that port at 6 o'clock this evening. No reason for the delay in departure is given in the message.

There now appear some grounds for doubting whether, as was first stated, the *Taming* was forcibly detained. The passenger who, with others, transferred from the *Taming* to the Hanoi, stated in his telegram to Hongkong that this transference became necessary owing to the "immobilization" of the *Taming*. In view of the new situation at Hoihow, the recipient of the message (who supplied us with the information) construed this to mean that the vessel was detained by the authorities, but it is possible that another, and less serious, construction can be placed on the message.

BOAT PIRATED.

HELD UP IN LYEEUM PASS.

On her return to Hongkong, after taking on board a cargo of livestock at Shanmei, the small fishing boat registered in the Harbour Office as 3944V fell into the hands of pirates in Lyeeum Pass.

According to a report to the police it appears that last night, at about 10 o'clock, this fishing junk was boarded in Lyeeum Pass by a gang of pirates who rowed out to meet her in a small boat. They took charge of the junk for a time, and only released it after taking ashore the whole cargo of livestock, numbering 27

animals. The value of the animals is reckoned at \$400.

"STAR" FERRY.

WARNING RE JUMPING ON BOATS.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

That the Company is contemplating prosecution if ferry users fail to observe the by-law in respect of "jumping" the ferry, was mentioned by the Chairman at this morning's annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co. A scheme for improving the Ice House Street ferry was also referred to.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard occupied the chair and there were also present: Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (directors), Mr. F. H. Crapnell (acting secretary), Messrs. W. S. Bailey, J. T. Bagram, L. S. Greenhill, W. J. Carroll, J. P. Braga, H. R. Sturt, O. F. Ribeiro, R. V. Harris, A. H. da Silva, and E. Sadick (shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary have read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditor's report, have been in your hands for some days and, with your permission, I will follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

On the 1st January, 1926, the two new launches Golden Star and Meridian Star were brought into service; two further boats, the Solar Star and Night Star are nearing completion and are expected to be ready early in April next: I hope, when these are all in operation, it will make for the greater comfort and convenience of the public. It is proposed to sell the two oldest vessels as they will no longer be required for the maintenance of our service. Your directors have also had under consideration for some time alterations and improvements to the Ice House Street Pier. There is only passage-way at the present time to serve for both in-coming and out-going first-class passengers and it is frequently very congested. Plans showing the proposed alterations have been submitted to the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association for their consideration, and when a scheme has been decided upon, it will be proceeded with as soon as possible.

When the ferry crews went on strike at the end of June, I regret to say that the service was disorganized and a good deal of inconvenience and delay was caused to people crossing the harbour.

But thanks to the aid rendered by naval ratings and later by officers and engineers of the Merchant Marine, we were able to maintain a curtailed service until the launch crews returned to work in August. To all those who assisted us in this difficult period, I wish to tender our hearty thanks.

There is a matter that I should like to take this opportunity to refer to, and, that is, people

boarding the ferries after the gangway has been lifted and the ferry is under weigh. It is a dangerous practice and contrary to our by-laws. There is notice on each launch and on the wharf warning people against this but it is ignored. If this goes on it will be necessary for the Company to prosecute offenders in order to stop it.

Turning now to the accounts

you will observe an amount of \$1,300 written off under the heading of "Bad and Doubtful Debts".

This is a loss sustained owing to the Company's shroff absconding on July 2nd with \$3,800, of which only \$2,000 has been recovered from his security. This man was jointly employed by the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., and ourselves, and they also suffered a loss.

We have transferred \$20,000 to

EXCITING INCIDENT NEAR MACAO.

CUSTOMS OFFICER TAKEN TO CANTON.

ABOARD WAR VESSEL.

Details of a sensational affair connected with an encounter between a Chinese Maritime Customs cruiser and a vessel under the control of the Canton Government are to hand to-day from a reliable source.

From the information obtained by a *Telegraph* representative this morning, it appears that the Chinese Customs cruiser, Lungshing, was on patrol outside Macao when it sighted a small Chinese war vessel.

Mr. Weston, the Custom officer who was in charge of the Lungshing, boarded the other vessel,

and, in the course of a search, found a quantity of arms and opium. Mr. Weston then signalled to the Customs launch for more men to be sent over to his assistance, but this move was foiled by the Chinese vessel, which drew up anchor and proceeded to steam away with Mr. Weston and his few men still on her.

The affair occurred on Monday, since when it has been learned that Mr. Weston and the other Customs men were taken in the vessel to Canton where they were later released.

MOTOR BUS OVER-TURNS.

EUROPEAN LADY INJURED.

Mrs. H. A. Jones, wife of the manager of Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co., together with a number of Chinese passengers, was badly injured as the result of a motor bus overturning in Kowloon yesterday morning. She sustained severe bruises to her shoulder and one leg, and had to be removed to the French Hospital.

There is a fear that her leg may be fractured, but this will not be definitely known until the result of an X-ray examination is disclosed. Her many friends both in Hongkong and Kowloon hope that she will speedily recover from the effects of her injuries.

It appears that the bus, which is owned by the Kai Tack Motor Bus Company, was on the way from Kowloon City to the Star Ferry when, on approaching Kowloon Dock at about 11.30 a.m., it ran into a big drain and turned over. All the passengers were thrown out and most of them more or less injured, the most serious case being that of Mrs. Jones, who, in addition to sustaining the injuries mentioned, is naturally suffering considerably from shock.

The accident fund to bring this up to \$100,000. Special Repairs Fund was drawn on during the year to the extent of \$30,072.55, and \$24,666.32 has been transferred to it making it now stand at \$50,000.

After effecting these transfers and taking into consideration the amount brought forward from last year, namely \$11,415.08—that is, ignoring the amount subsequently transferred to Reserve in connection with the capitalization of that Account—there is available for appropriation a balance of \$272,234.69.

It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share and a bonus of a like amount, absorbing \$246,000, and carry forward \$32,234.69.

I hope that these appropriations will meet with the approval of shareholders, and would like to remind you that the number of shares on which dividend is now being paid was doubled in 1925 by the capitalization of Reserve Fund.

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be adopted and passed. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

Sir Paul Chater seconded, and the adoption of the report and accounts was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

The confirmation of Mr. Bernard and the Hon. Mr. Lang as directors was proposed by Mr.

Bailey, seconded by Mr. Sturt and carried, while the re-election of the retiring director Sir Paul Chater was approved on the proposal of Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Carroll.

Mr. C. Bernard Brown was re-elected auditor, the appointment being proposed by Mr. da Silva and seconded by Mr. Bagram.

I do not think there is anything further that calls for comment and now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented

AGAINST JAPAN.

THE LATEST CANTON BOYCOTT.

RULES APPROVED.

Canton is apparently in earnest on the question of a boycott of the Japanese, for news is to hand stating that the newly-formed Association formed to protest against the "invasion" of Manchuria has passed resolutions deciding to boycott Japanese goods and to sever economic relations with Japan.

At the meeting at which these decisions were reached, Mr. Tam Chik-tong was in the chair, and after the reading of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's will, Mr. Chan Sun-ming proposed the following three schemes:

(1) To prepare lists of Japanese goods showing, name, quantity, cost price, place of storage, trade mark, date of clearance sale and having a column for remarks. Similar lists will also be made for Japanese goods, but in the remarks column it must be clearly stated whether such orders may be withdrawn. These lists are to be distributed to the managers of business houses who must fill in the manner aforesaid within ten days from date of receipt.

At the same time, the four Merchants' Unions will be requested to notify the merchants of the above Association's plan of disposing with Japanese goods in order to avoid misunderstandings.

(2) To organize a Japanese Goods Investigation Committee giving the members the following powers:

(a) To investigate into the genuineness of the various business houses' report.

(b) To draw up rules governing the punishment of making false reports and smuggling Japanese goods and plans for the disposal of the present stock of same. These rules must be first passed by the Association.

(c) To receive reports and after investigation, the Economic Services Executive Section will send representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and that of the 4 Merchants' Unions to effect a search.

Mr. Tam Chik-tong proposed that the Provincial Peasants' Union, All-China Labour Union, Soldiers' Federation, Students' Federation, Provincial Kuomintang, Education Union, City Merchants' Union, Merchants' Federation, Commercial Association and General Chamber of Commerce jointly organize the Japanese Goods Investigation Committee. This suggestion was unanimously passed.

During the hearing of the case it was stated by Sergt. Meadows that the defendant arrived in the Colony only the day before yesterday from Canton, and was apparently a member of the Shoemakers' Union, and a striker there. In his possession were found various tickets to enable him to get food and lodgings at Canton.

The owner of the overcoat said he heard someone pass his door at 13, D'Aguilar Street, and on going to look for his overcoat found it gone. He ran out of the building and saw the defendant with the coat in Stanley Street. He caught the man in Pottinger Street, where he was arrested.

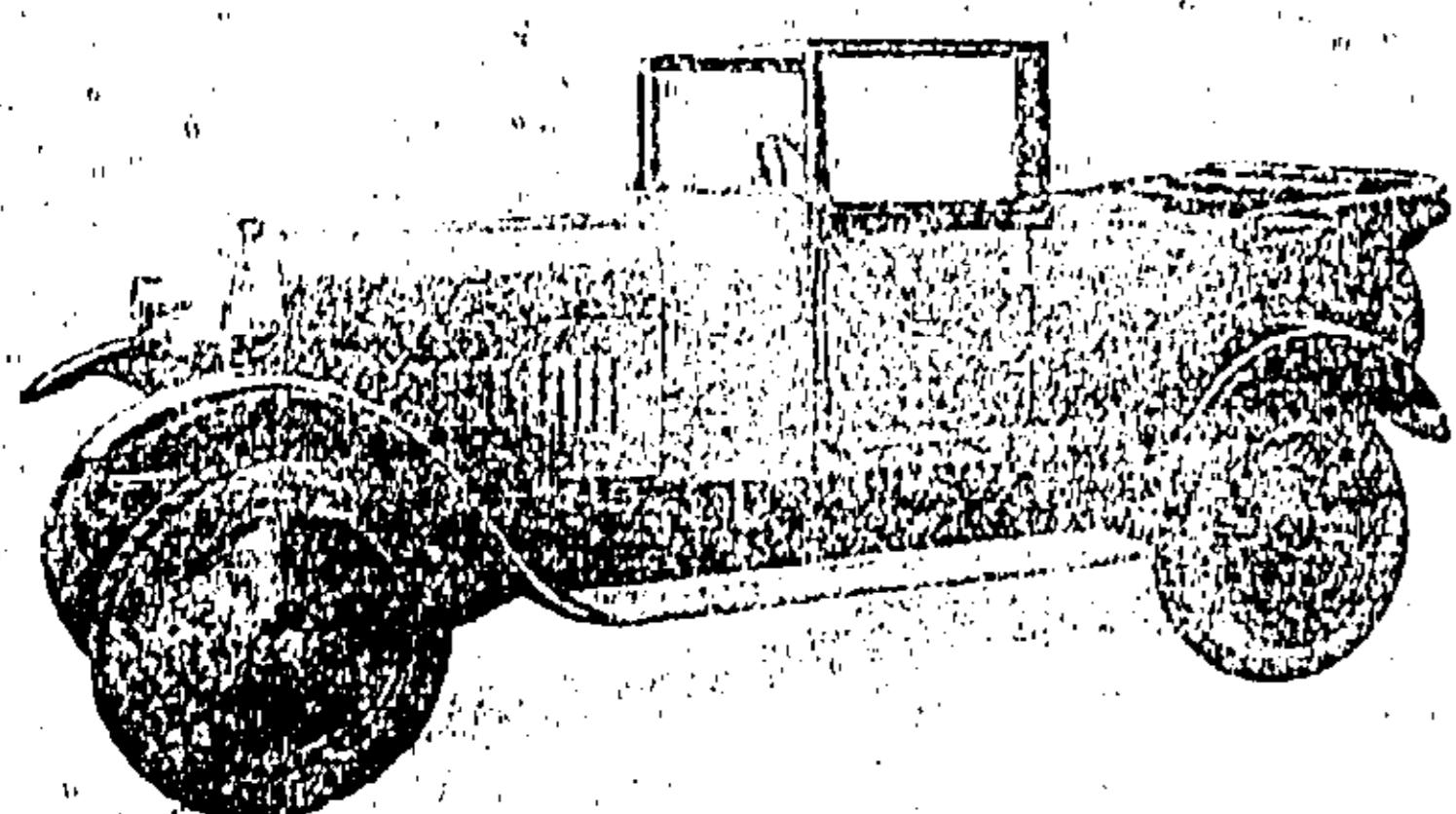
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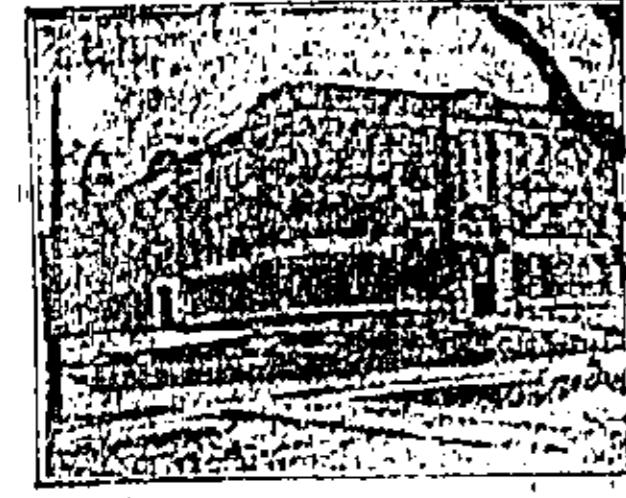
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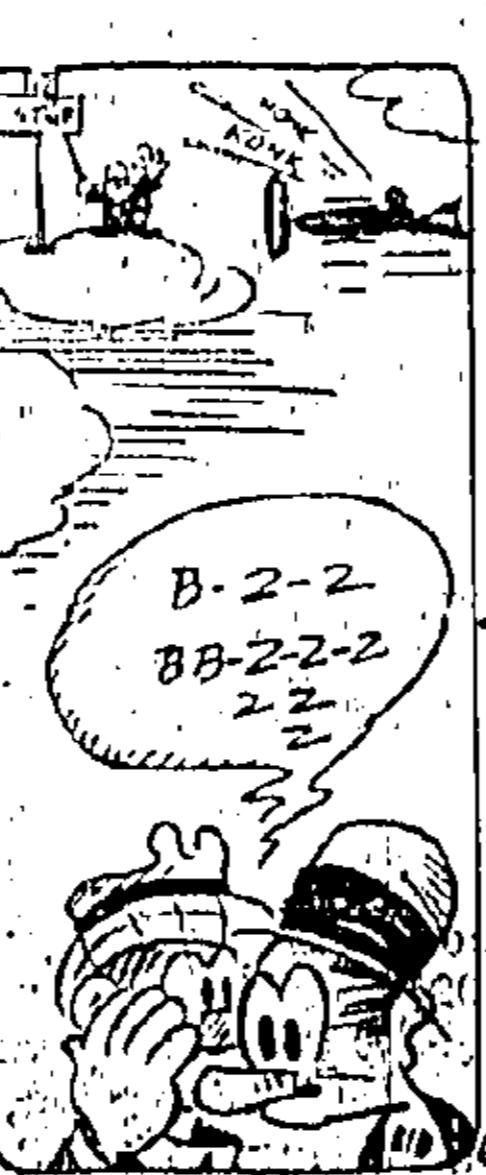
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GERMAN DISARMAMENT.

ANGLO-FRENCH
CONPRINCE.

Rugby, Jan. 27.
The initiative in raising matters for discussion between the French Prime Minister and Sir Austen Chamberlain will rest primarily with M. Briand, and it is generally believed that a suggestion for the postponement of the preparatory Disarmament Commission will be one of the subjects dealt with in the coming conversations.

Other points which it is anticipated will be raised include the present position regarding the state of Germany's disarmament, and the position of the Inter-Allied Commission of Control, and the reduction of the present Allied military strength in the Coblenz and Mayence zones.—*British Wireless*.

Germany Illogical.

Paris, Jan. 27.
The papers are most interested in the conference M. Briand is due to have to-morrow with Sir Austen Chamberlain. It is understood they will discuss principally whether Germany may be considered as having fulfilled her disarmament obligations, and be admitted to the League of Nations before the Inter-Allied Committee of Military Control has completed its work.

Le Journal thinks the framers of the Locarno pact are facing rather a tender situation, for whereas the Allies have been very generous to Germany, the Reich shows militarist and nationalist tendencies.

L'Ocuvre considers Germany's behaviour illogical, as she claims concessions before having complied with the disarmament conditions. The Allies' willingness cannot be doubted, but the Reich must manifest the same. Moreover, the Locarno treaty does not cancel the Versailles agreements.—*Havas*.

British Troops Depart.

Rugby, Jan. 27.
The evacuation of the British troops from the Cologne zone is now practically complete, and the British flag over the headquarters in that city will be hauled down on Saturday.

At present only one battalion remains, and it is due to leave on Friday, but fatigue parties will remain until the following day. The hauling down of the flag, after seven years' occupation, will be accompanied by a simple ceremony, after which the remaining troops will entrain for Wiesbaden, and the British section of the first zone of occupation will thus be evacuated.—*British Wireless*.

EVENTS AT HARBIN.

RUSSIA'S LIST FOR
DISCUSSION.

Suppression of Trade Unions.

Peking, Jan. 27.
Soviet telegrams from Harbin complain that despite Marshal Chahng Tso-lin's orders, the Chinese military authorities continue to suppress the Soviet trade-unions at Harbin. The premises of all the unions have been closed and the officials arrested.—*Reuter*.

Moscow, Jan. 27.

The Tass agency is authoritatively informed that the questions of resumption of activities by trade-unions connected with the Chinese Eastern Railway, compensation for losses caused by the Manchurian authorities during the dispute, and the responsibility for the outrages, will be the subject of further discussions by the two parties concerned.—*Reuter*.

THE WORLD COURT.

QUESTION OF AMERICA'S
ADHERENCE.

Washington, Jan. 27.
In the Senate, Mr. Reed was unsuccessful in his effort to add a provision that "the Monroe doctrine be classed as a principle of international law binding the World Court."

It is understood a multitude of other reservations are likely to be proposed by individual senators in the next day or two, but it is not anticipated that any of them will be approved.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Opportunity to Withdraw.

Later.
In the Senate, other reservations which were approved overwhelmingly, provided for the withdrawal of the United States from the World Court at any time the statutes of the Court could not be amended without the consent of the United States. "Advisory opinions" must be rendered publicly, and no such opinion affecting the United States could be rendered unless the United States consented.

The United States' signature could not be affixed to a protocol of the Court until other nations, members of the Court, accepted the American reservations; and recourse to the Court for settlement of differences between the United States and any other State could be had only by agreement beforehand by general, or special treaty between the parties to the dispute.

The Senate also approved a statement that adherence to the Court should not be construed as requiring the United States to depart from the traditional policy of opposition to entangling alliances, or its traditional attitude towards purely American questions.—*Reuter's American Service*.

"LOOKING IN."

TELEVISION PROGRAMME TO BE BROADCAST.

Glasgow Invention.

London, Jan. 27.
"Looking in," in the new verbal coinage, denotes the receiver television programme which begins to be broadcast from a small London station next week, under license granted by the Postmaster General to a new company to exploit the patent of a Glasgow inventor, Mr. John Baird, of a special receiving apparatus adaptable to any valve set. Demonstrations have been successfully conducted, though experiment is necessary to give sharper definition to the figures.—*Reuter*.

WAR DEBTS.

London, Jan. 27.
The Anglo-Italian debt agreement was signed at the Treasury this morning.

The first payment will occur on March 15.—*Reuter*.

Rugby, Jan. 27.

In celebration of the signature this morning of the agreement for funding the Italian war debt to Britain, of £560,000,000, a banquet to Count Volpi and Mr. Winston Churchill has been arranged for to-night, when the Goldsmiths Company will be the hosts.—*British Wireless*.

SPAIN-AMERICA FLIGHT.

AIRMEN ARRIVE AT CAPE VERDE.

St. Vincent, Cape Verde, Jan. 27.

The Spanish airmen have arrived here.—*Reuter*.

[The Spanish aviators flying from Spain to South America were last heard of at Cando, in the Canary Islands.]

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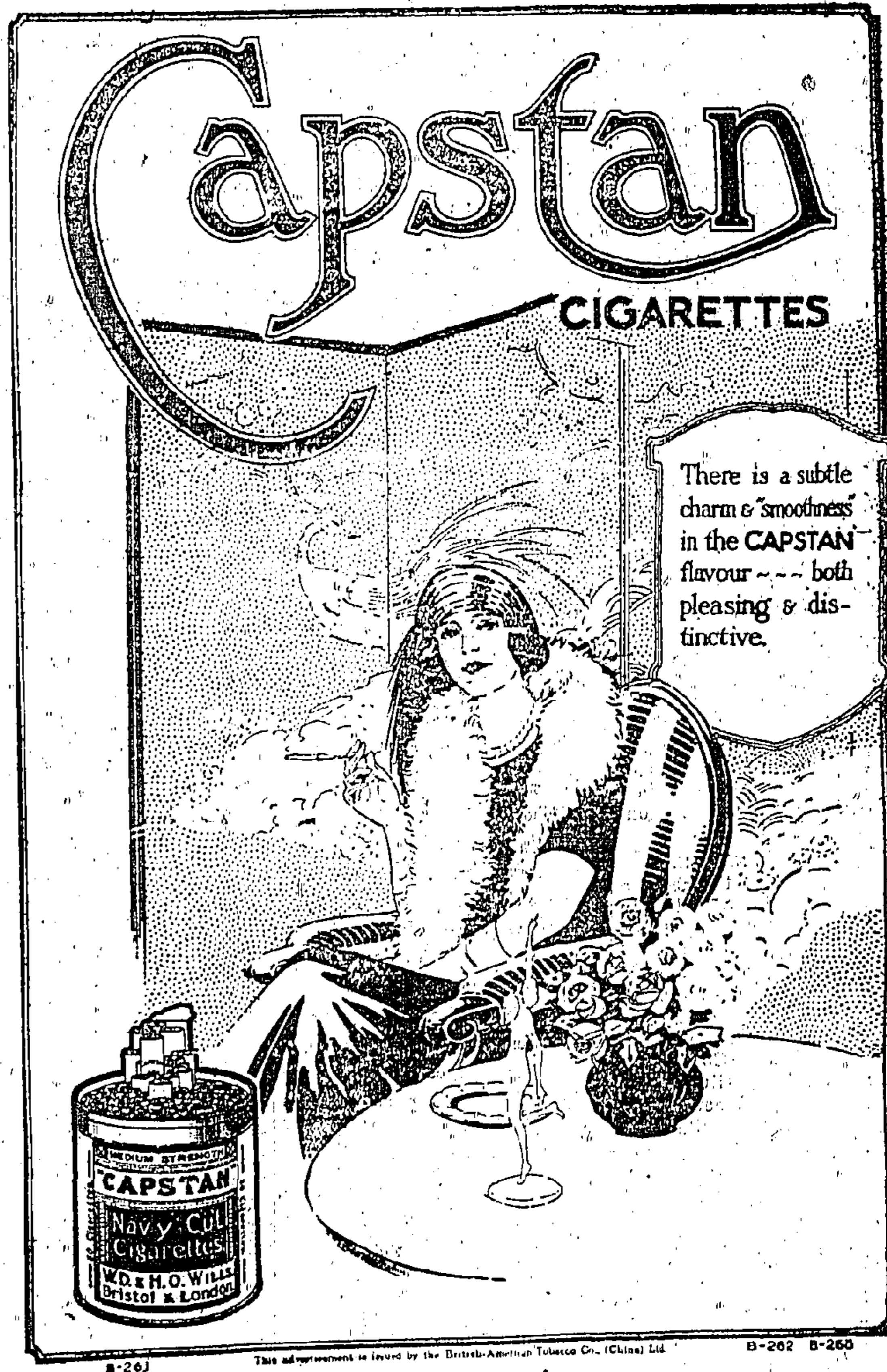
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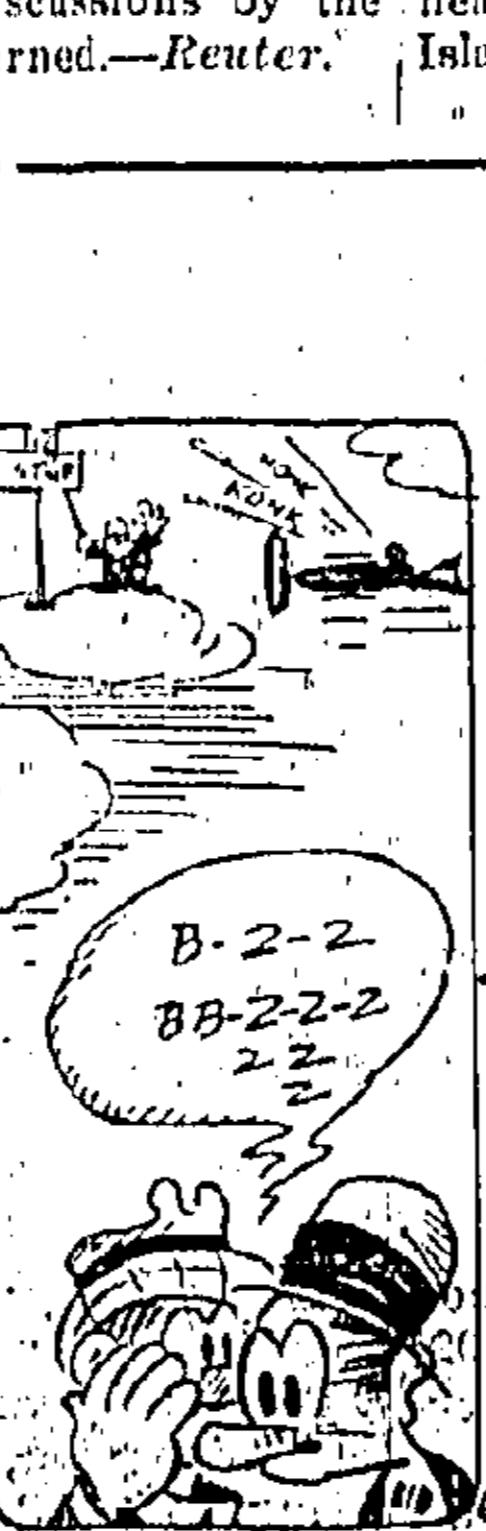
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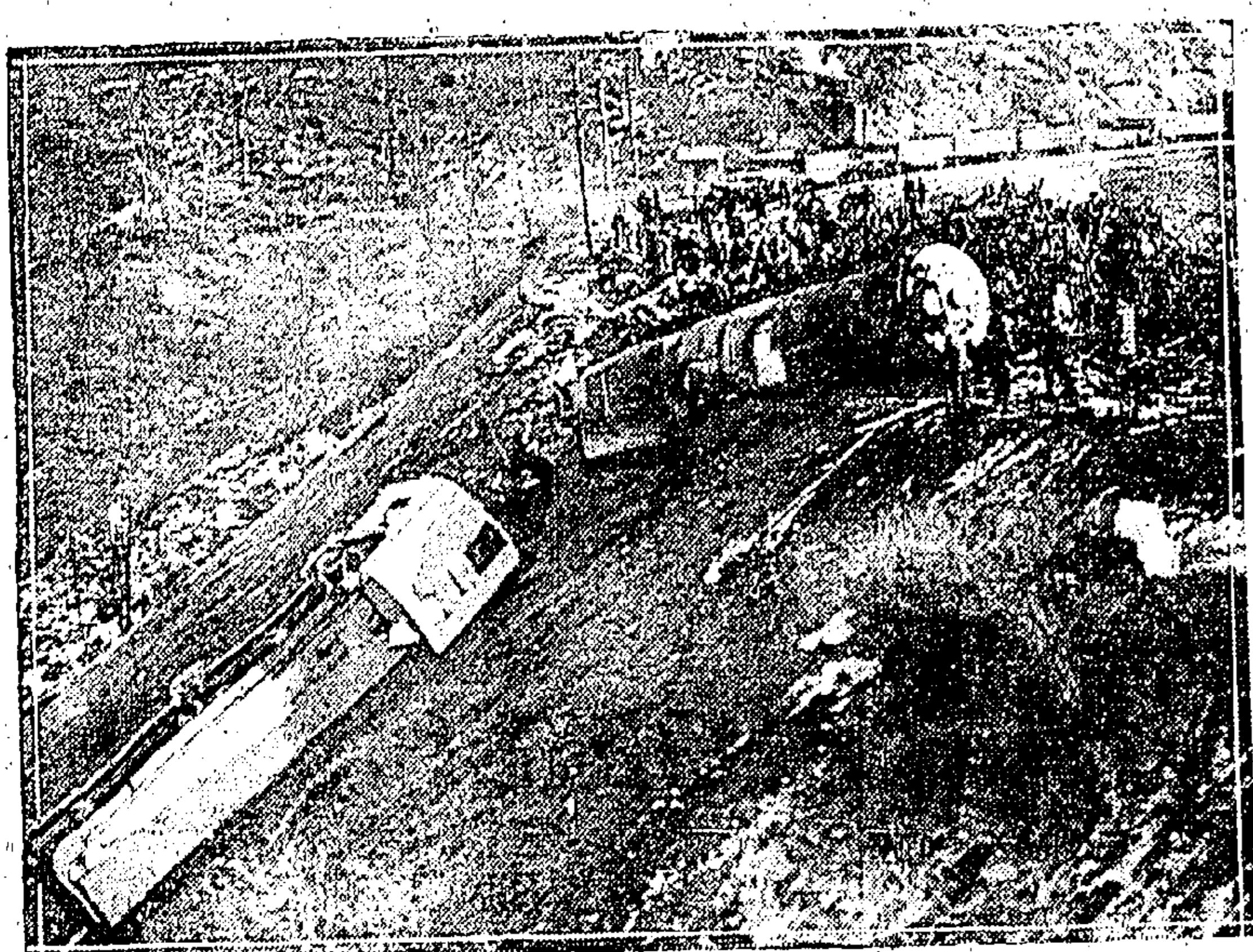


Eating Dinner 4,500 Feet Up.



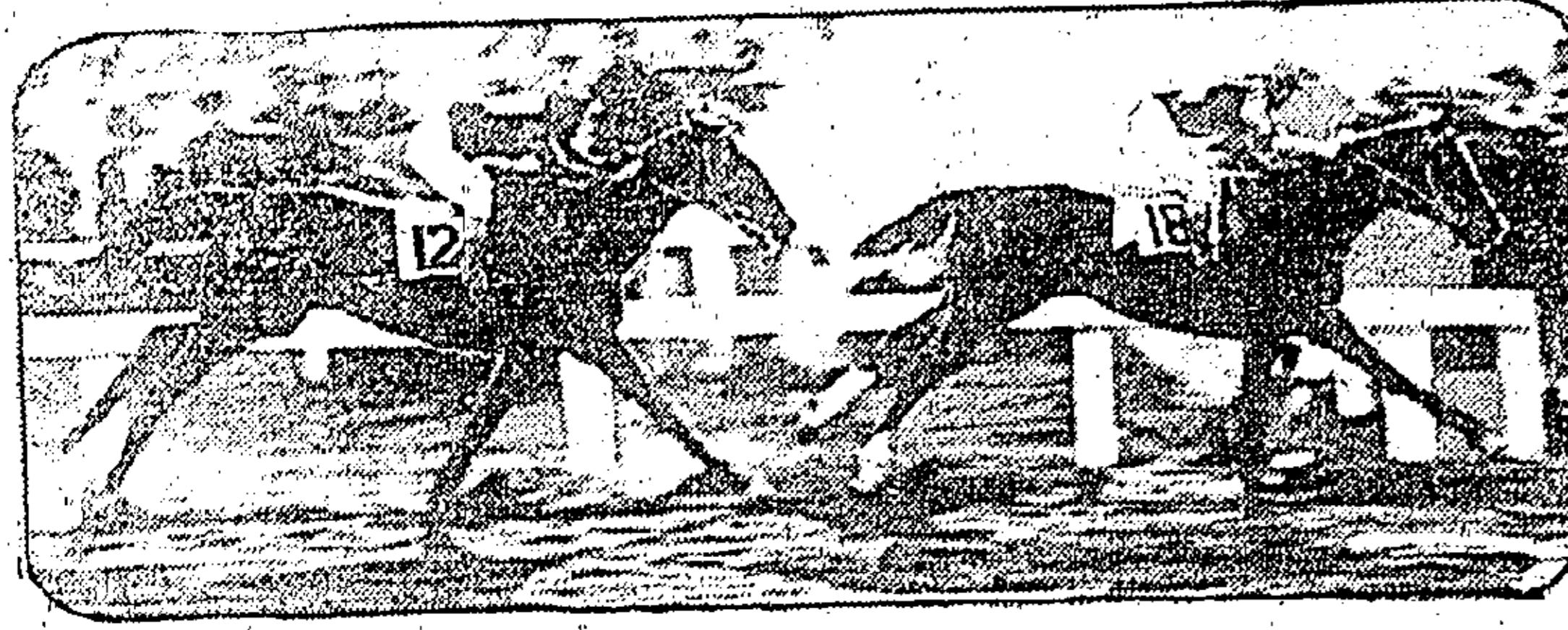
Six Detroit men are shown above enjoying the strange experience of eating dinner 4,500 feet above the ground. The dinner was served in the cabin of a new passenger plane built by H. G. Fokker, famous Dutch airplane manufacturer.

Engine Slides Down Mountain.



This remarkable photograph shows part of a locomotive and its tender sliding down a mountainside near Cresson, Pa., after the Philadelphia Night Express on the Pennsylvania railroad was derailed. More than a score of persons were injured.

Sarazen Stages Great Comeback.



Sarazen, pride of Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt 2nd, lowered the Bowie (Md.) track record for a mile when he won the \$15,000 Gadsden D. Bryan Memorial Handicap. The picture shows the finish. Sarazen returned to the form he showed when he outran Epinard.

Big Seas Break Deck-High.



The American super-dreadnought Utah is here breasting a heavy sea off Cape Hatteras, on its way to Boston.

King Tut's Sarcophagus Finally Removed.



This picture shows the removal, under armed guard, of the sarcophagus of King Tutankhamen from the tomb at Luxor for examination.

A New Monarch.



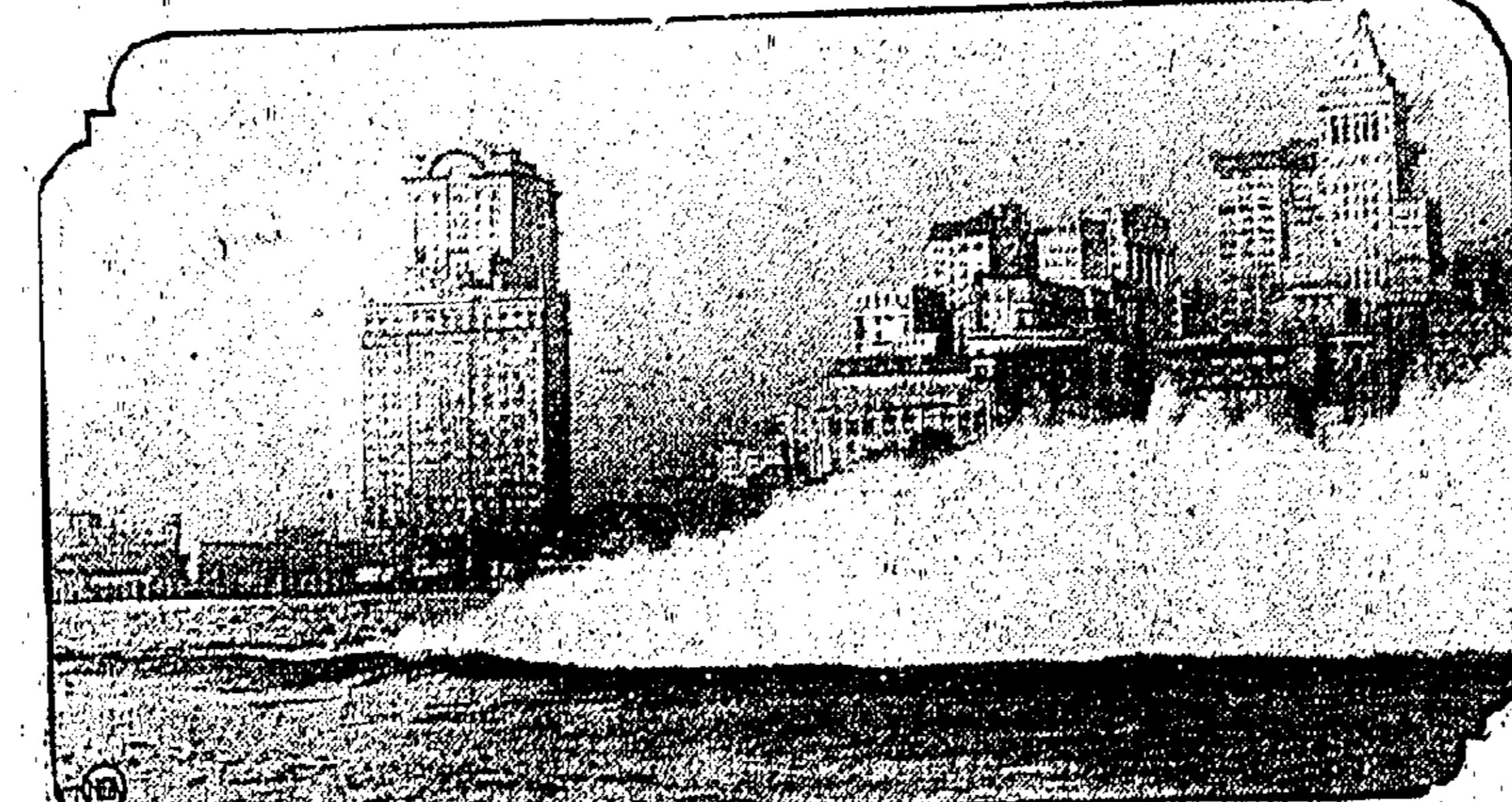
Prince Praju Dhipok, shown above with his wife, has succeeded to the throne of the Kingdom of Siam, following the death of King Rama VI. The prince was King Rama's younger brother, and gains the crown because Rama left no son.

"Not Forgotten" Party.

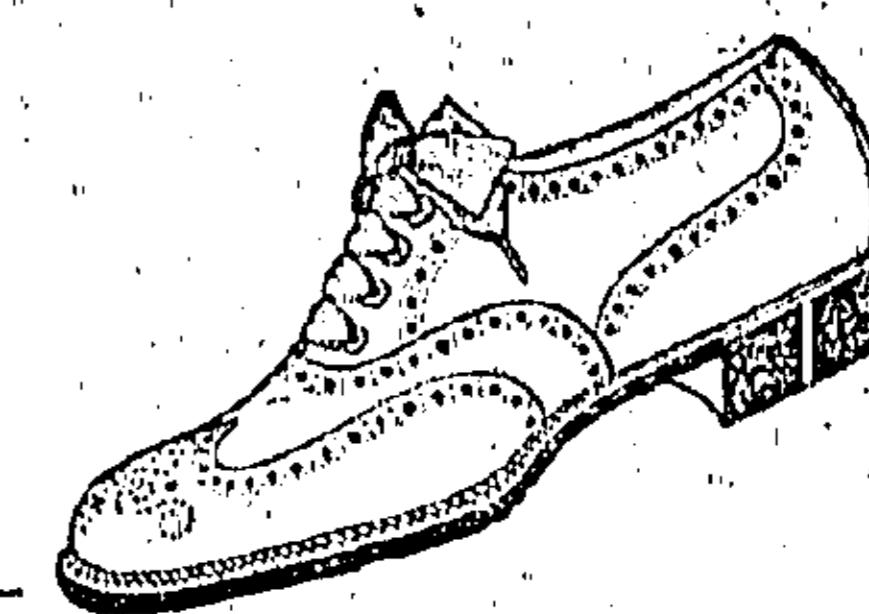


Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles), cutting the Christmas cake at the party in the Buckingham Palace riding school under the auspices of the "Not Forgotten" Association. (Times copyright).

Widening Channel of New York Harbour.



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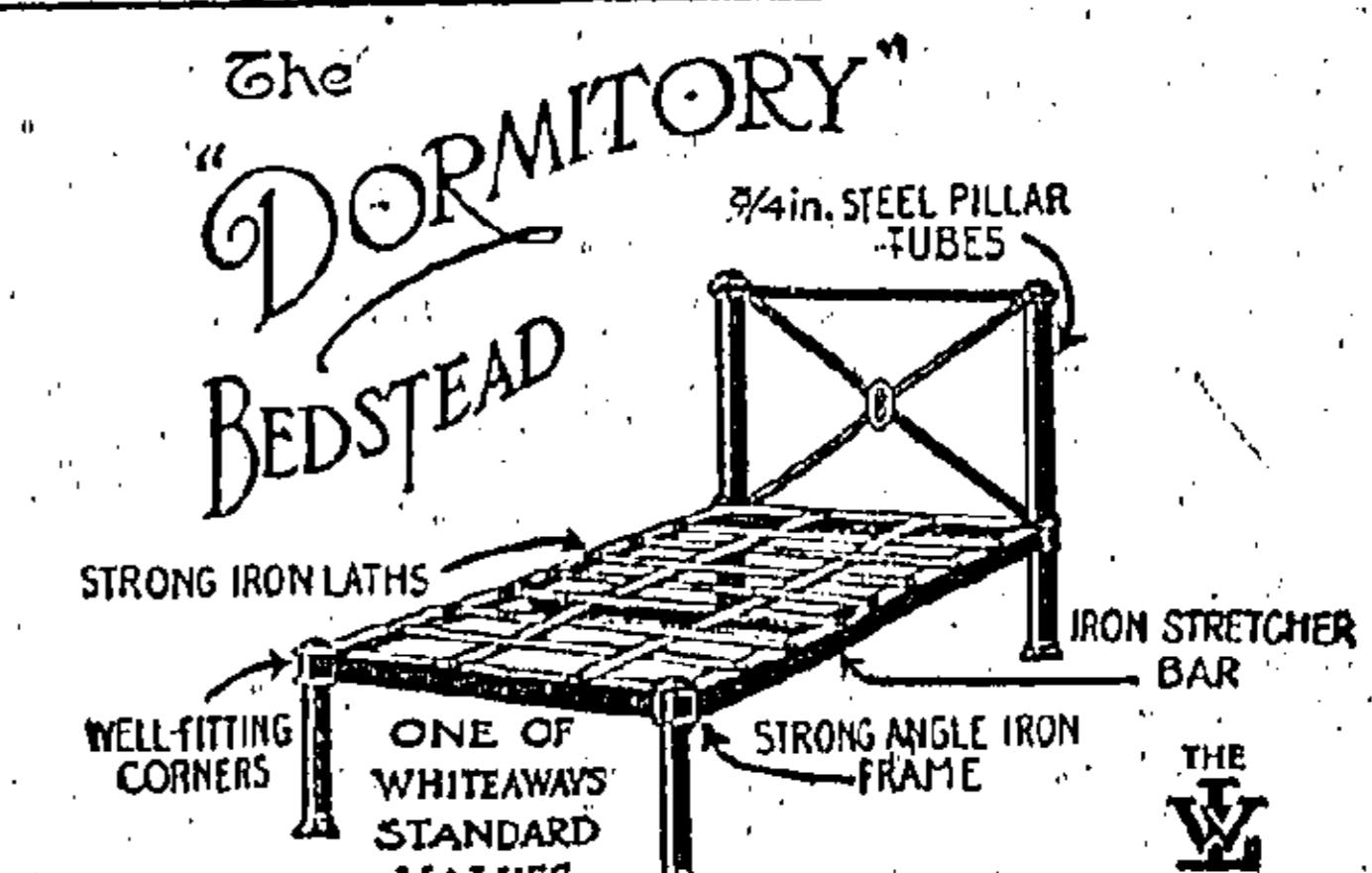
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Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1926.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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NOTICE.

TO EX-MEMBERS OF THE R.F.C., R.N.A.S. AND R.A.F. A dinner will be held at the Ritz Cafe, at 8 p.m., on SATURDAY, the 30th.

Will all who are interested and who wish to attend, kindly communicate with the undermentioned.

J. A. BARTON,

Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO. LTD.

With reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 29th October, 1925, whereby the Final Call of \$5.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st February, 1926, instead of 2nd November, 1925, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 1st April, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 1st April, 1926.

For the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, January 27, 1926.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 28th January, 1926, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 20th January, 1926, to Thursday, the 28th January, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, Jan. 15, 1926.

THE HONGKONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926 at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will CLOSED from WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY to TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1926.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

A concert will be given by the Society in April next. Rehearsals will be held in the Cathedral Hall on Mondays at 5.15 for chorus and at the same time on Wednesdays at the City Hall for orchestra. Ladies and gentlemen interested are invited to attend the first rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday next Feb. 1st and 3rd.

H. J. BEST,
Hon. Secretary.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

KOWLOON.

Thank Offering Sunday

January 31st.

8.15 a.m., 11.00 a.m.

6.00 p.m.

SPECIAL DEDICATION SERVICE.

ANTHEM—"I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the House of the Lord." (ELVEY).

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA E.C.

Brotheren are reminded of the Masonic Service arranged for Sunday evening, 31st instant, at 6 p.m., in St. John's Cathedral.

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(NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA)

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Goods not cleared by the 4th Feb. 1926, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesday and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 28th Jan. 1926.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

LAMMERT BROS.

Sale of Salvage ex "Hongkong Hotel Fire" consisting mainly of

BEDROOM FURNITURE will be held on

FRIDAY, the 29th January, 1926 commencing at 11 a.m.

at No. 8, Duddell Street.

Terms:—As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 28, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Kien Tjiang Han to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 30th January, 1926, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street,

(for account of the concerned),

1,350 Bags, No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 May Shipment from Java.

1,300 Bags, No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 June Shipment from Java.

2,100 Bags, No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 July Shipment from Java.

500 Bags, No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 August Shipment from Java.

1,700 Bags, No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 October Shipment from Java.

1,300 Bags, No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 November Shipment from Java.

1,100 Bags, No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 December Shipment from Java.

150 Bags, No. 18 Java Brown Sugar—1925 June Shipment from Java.

500 Bags, No. 18 Java Brown Sugar—arrived by the s.s. "Tjisonduri."

(All the above goods are now stored in the godowns of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., West Point.)

Should intending buyers wish to purchase smaller lots than stated above, it will be necessary for them to inform the Auctioneers before the sale.

Terms:—As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Jan. 26, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY

30th January, 1926, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

57 Bales Chinese Raw Leaf Tobacco.

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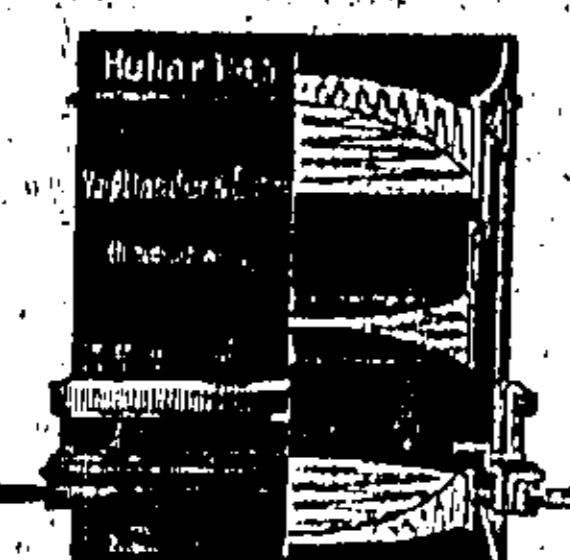
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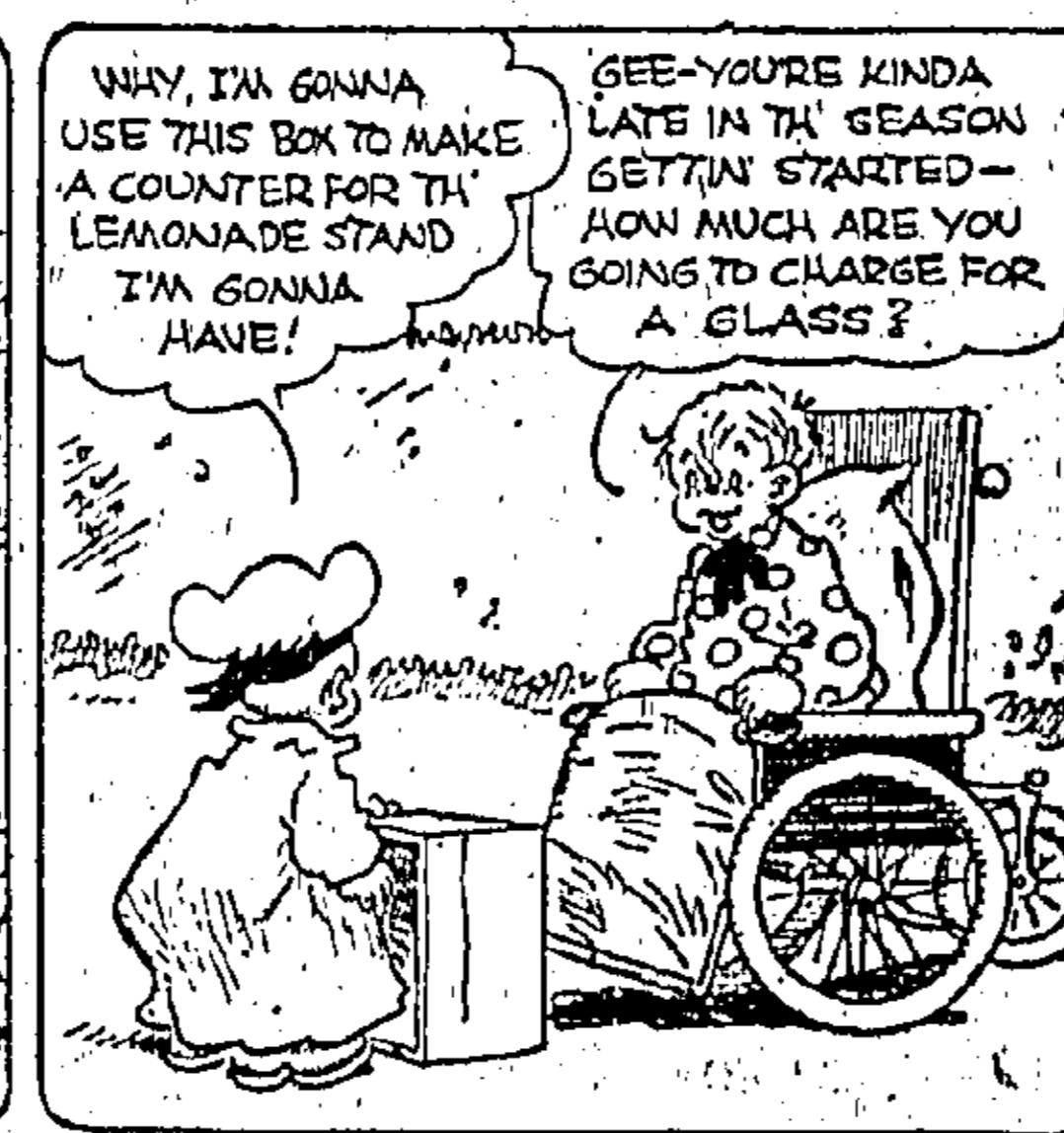
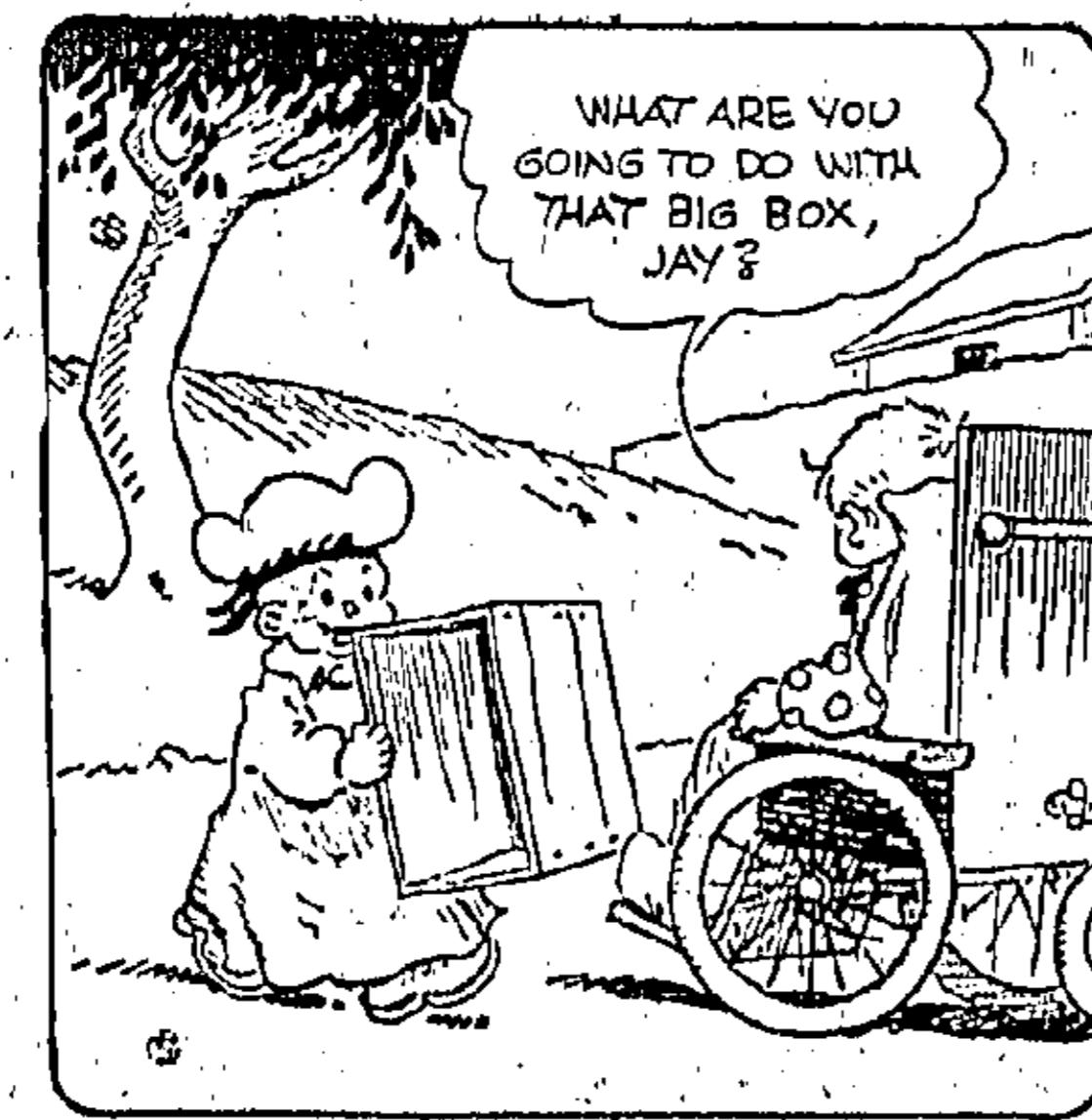
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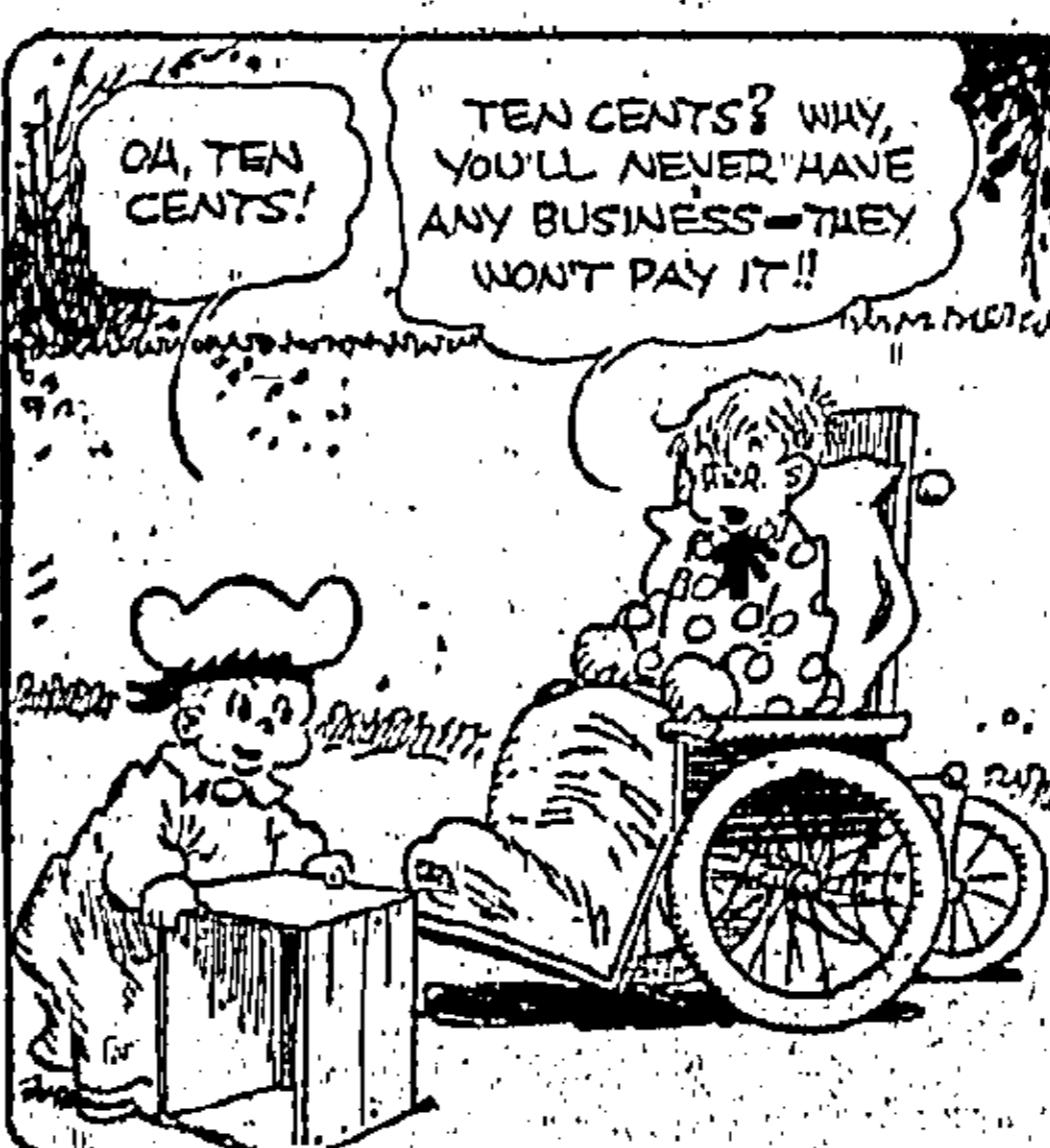
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HOUSING IN SCOTLAND.

PREMIER EXPLAINS PROGRAMME.

Rugby, Jan. 27.
In his speech at Stirling last night, the Prime Minister emphasised the urgency of the housing problem in Scotland, where arrears were not being overtaken but were being increased. He felt the time had come to meet a grave emergency.

He believed that by alternative methods they could provide rapidly, and at reasonable prices, suitable housing which would save the people until ordinary methods of building could catch up with the necessities of the situation. They had arranged, as a Government, to build through the agency of the Scottish National Housing Company two thousand steel houses. All preliminary agreements had been made. Sites had been selected and constructional work would shortly begin.

The allied question of dealing with congested areas in great towns was engaging the attention of the Government. They realized the difficulties, and would attempt to surmount them; for decent housing was the foundation both of decent life and social peace.—British Wireless.

INDIAN EXILES.

A SWARAJIST PLEA FOR LENIENCY.

Delhi, Jan. 27.
The Assembly by 53 to 45 votes has carried a Swarajist motion asking for the release of all political prisoners detained without trial, urging the trial under the ordinary law of persons against whom the Government had sufficient evidence to go to court, and the removal of difficulties in the way of Indian exiles returning to India.

Sir Alexander Muddiman, the home member, claimed that the Bengal Ordinance had succeeded, for not a single outrage had occurred after the Government acted under it. The Government could not indulge in the luxury of a general amnesty, but if deserving cases were brought to his notice, he would consider them favourably.

The Government would not oppose Indian exiles returning to India, but would not guarantee that all of them would not be prosecuted.—Reuters.

POSSESSION OF ARMS.

CHINESE SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS.

Sitting together with Major Wilson, Mr. E. W. Hamilton heard a charge of unlawful possession of one revolver and five rounds of ammunition preferred against Chinese at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Sentence of three years' hard labour was imposed.

Inspector Pincock told the court that on January 20, at about 10 p.m., a Chinese detective arrested the defendant in Woosung Street, on information received. When searched the arms and ammunition were discovered concealed in the defendant's girdle. In a statement to the Police, the accused admitted possession of the weapon, and said that it was given to him by a friend who had come from the country with the intention of assassinating the Chinese general, Lo Ching. Not being able to find the man, his friend gave him the revolver to dispose of.

Sentence of three years' hard labour was imposed.

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SIR ALFRED MOND'S CHANGE.

LORD OXFORD'S REGRETS.

Rugby, Jan. 27.
Lord Oxford, in a letter to Sir Alfred Mond, whose resignation from the Liberal Party was announced yesterday, expresses regret that before publicity was given to Sir Alfred Mond's letter, Lord Oxford was not afforded an opportunity of discussing the matter with him:

The letter adds: "The land policy of the party is, as you know, to be the subject of full and entirely unfettered discussion next month, at a representative conference. I am not aware what reasons you have for pre-supposing what its conclusions will be."—British Wireless.

ORDER OF THE RICESTALK.

DECORATION FOR DUTCH MINISTER.

Amsterdam, Jan. 27.
The Chinese Government has bestowed the Grand Cross of the First Class Order of the Golden Ricestalk, inlaid with precious stones, on the Foreign Minister, Van Kurnebeck.—Reuters.

DUTCH FLOODS.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION.

Amsterdam, Jan. 27.
The Chinese Government, through the Legation at the Hague, has contributed two thousand florins to the Netherlands Red Cross to relieve the victims of the flood.—Reuters.

BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYED.

REDUCTION IN RECENT FIGURES.

Rugby, Jan. 27.
There were 53,833 fewer unemployed registered at the labour exchanges on January 18, than on the corresponding date last year. The number registered also showed a decline of 5,500 on last week's figures.—British Wireless.

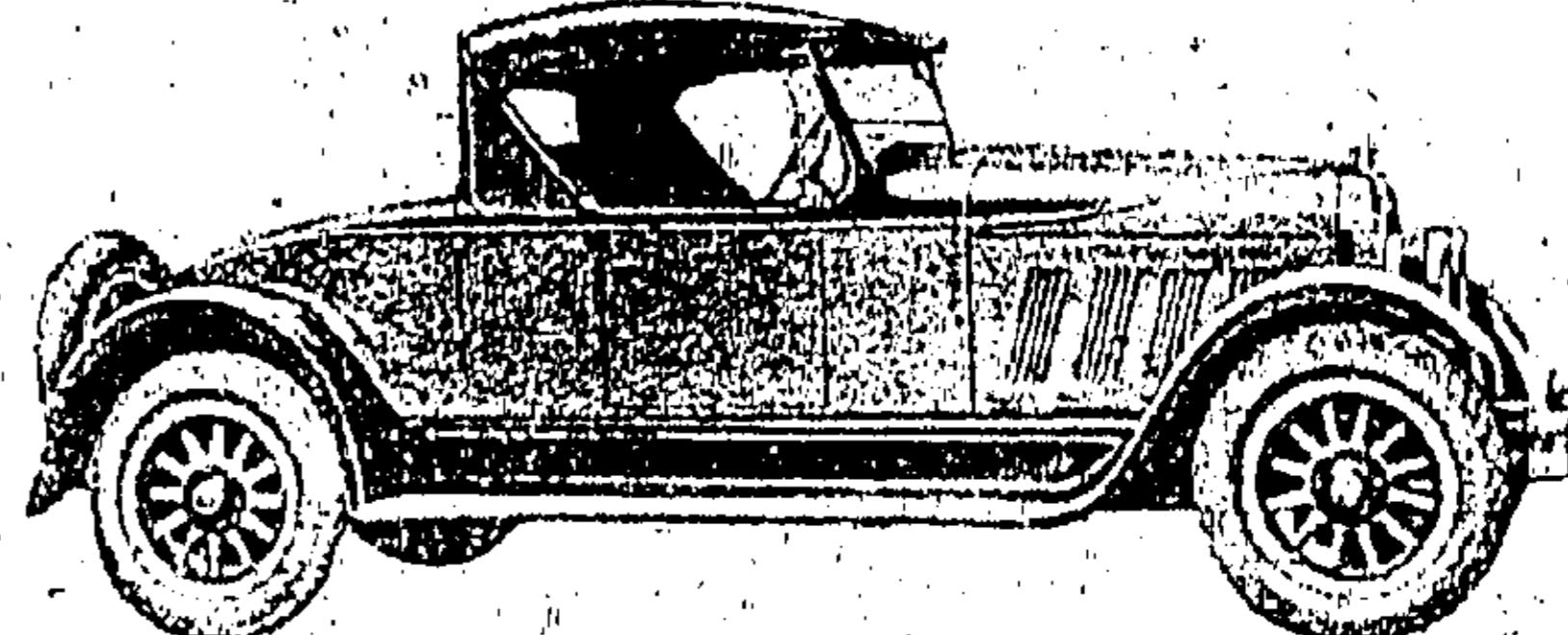
FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

NEGOTIATIONS OVER PRE-WAR DEBTS.

Paris, Jan. 27.
The French delegation, presided over by the Minister, M. Demozie, appointed to negotiate with the Soviet delegation regarding pre-war debts, comprises three deputies and a number of experts.—Reuters.

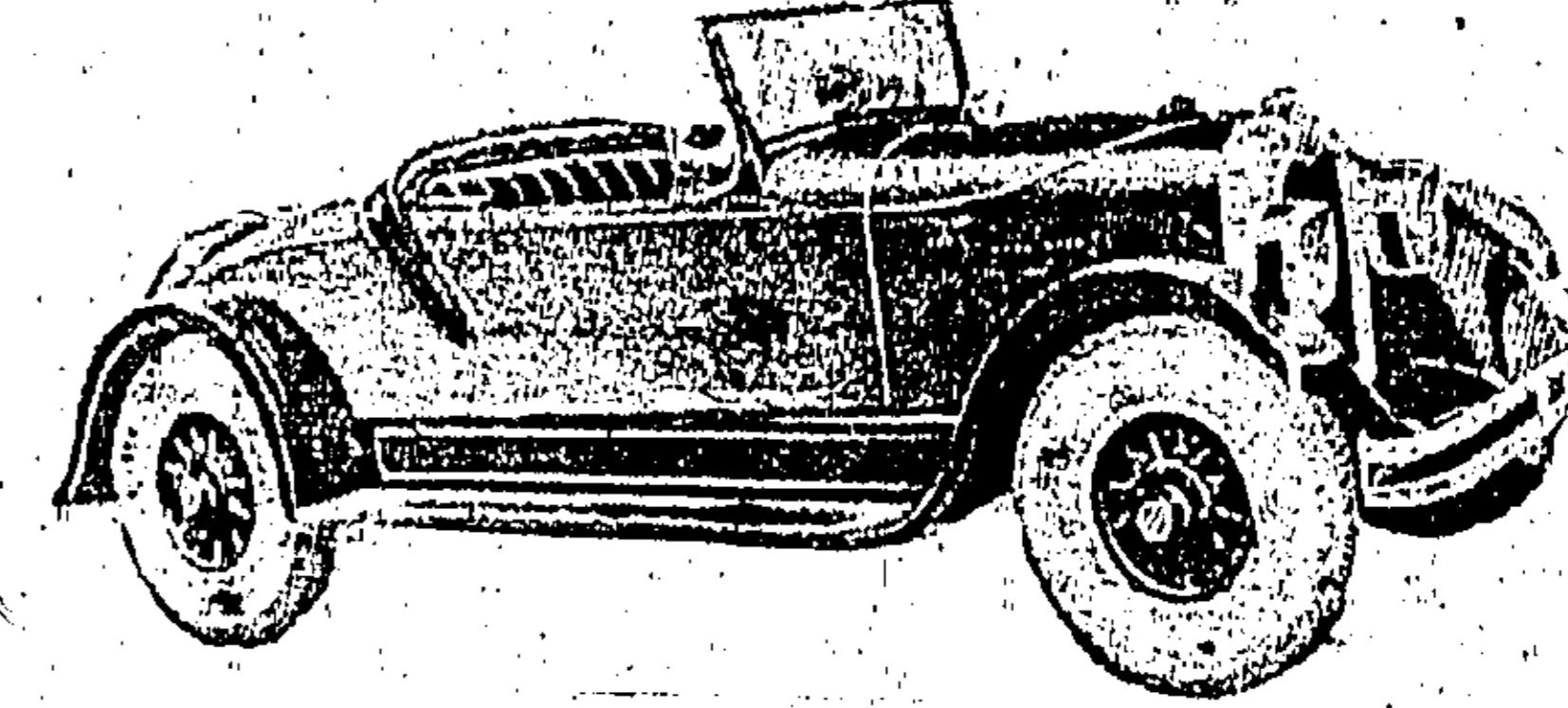
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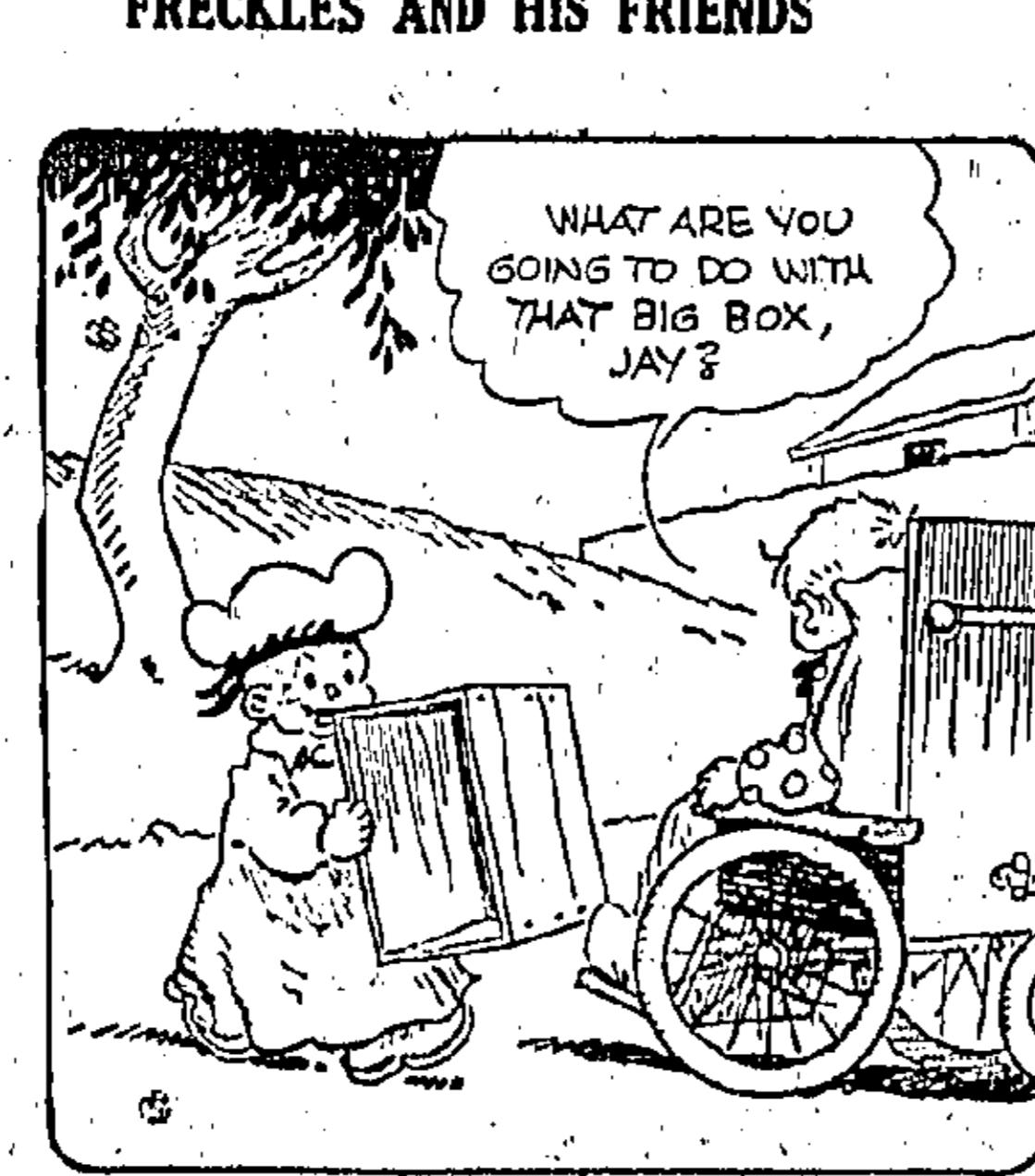
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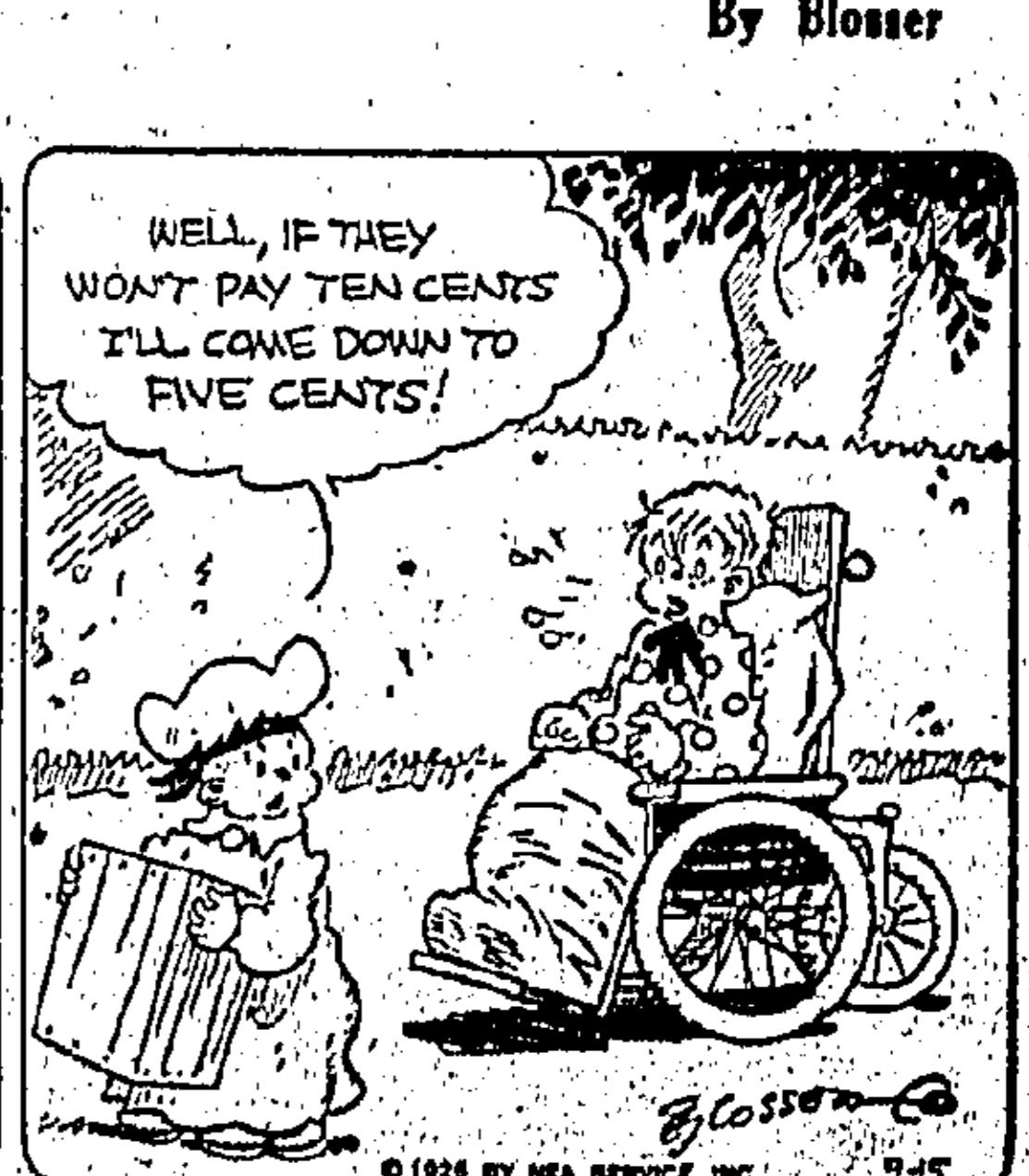
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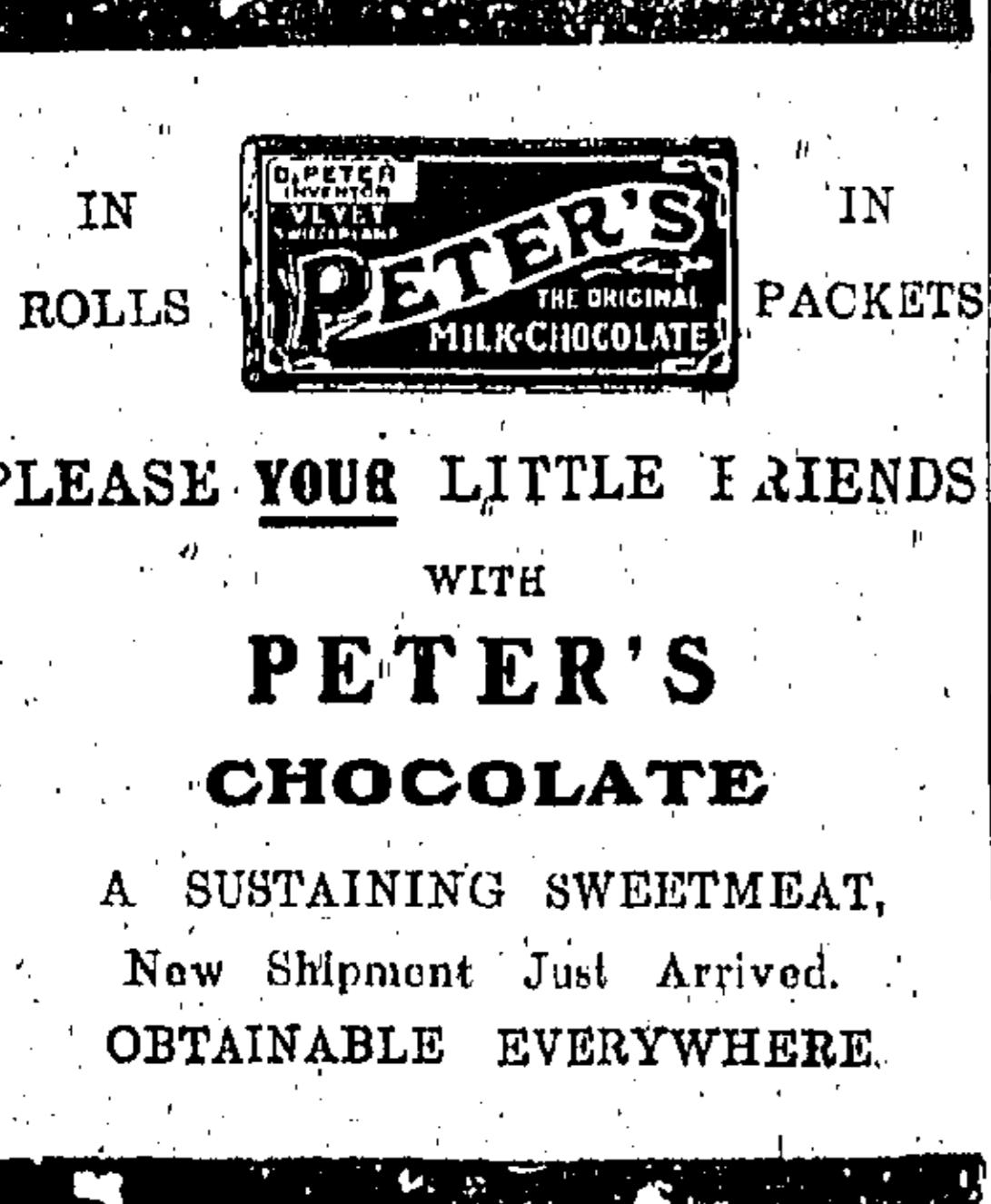
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**CANTON'S ILLLOGICAL
REPLY.**

The communiqué which has been issued by the Canton Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in reply to the statement of the Hongkong Government relative to the breakdown in the negotiations for a settlement of the "strike" reveals a truly remarkable viewpoint, based on entirely wrong premises.

Let us quote the Canton Government's own words: "It should be remembered that the strike was instituted by Hongkong workers, not for economic reasons, but as a protest against the British Government, primarily for the shooting which took place in Shanghai on May 30th, last, and subsequently for the shooting which took place in Canton on June 23. The strike was therefore a political one in which the principals were the Hongkong Government and the workers."

The italics are ours, because we would like to know how anybody, by the process of logical thinking, could make the Hongkong Government principals to a dispute which arose (as Canton says) out of incidents with which it had not the slightest connection either before, during, or after their happening. Surely, the author of the Canton Government's statement must have known the absurdity of his contention, and therefore, the invalidity of the subsequent argument based upon it.

When the Canton Government, in explaining why it could not appoint any "plenipotentiaries" to negotiate with the Hongkong Government, because the Canton Government could only be a mediator and not principal, it deliberately shut its eyes to the fact that the Hongkong Government can itself only be a mediator and was never a party, either as regards the political or economic aspect of the dispute. If there is any sincerity in the Canton Government's plea that it is animated by a desire to see an early settlement, it is very hard to understand why it rejected the Hongkong Government's overtures for an official settlement, because it is idle for the Canton Government to pretend that it could not, if so desired, influence the organisers and directors of the "strike" movement. So long as the people in Canton think that the Hongkong Government can settle this dispute, either politically or

economically, they are entirely wrong.

The political terms, if there are any, are between Britain and China as nations, and not between Canton and Hongkong. Conferences either in progress or pending are rightly examining all such matters. The economic terms are wholly outside the power of the Hongkong Government, except so far as its own employees are concerned. Thousands of workmen walk out and leave their jobs without making one single demand against the employers. Admittedly, they say it was a political gesture—a patriotic demonstration. Meanwhile, business houses, residences, and essential services in Hongkong had been left to struggle on as best they could, disorganised, while "strikers" joyfully demonstrated in Canton. A boycott of British goods followed. For months we have been "carrying on" with either depleted or untrained staffs, and there now comes a demand that the men who went out on strike should either be paid strike pay and reinstated or that they should be compensated. It is time that the Canton Government, and the Strike Committees and all else concerned realised that so far as the economic side of the dispute is concerned, individual firms and employers must be left free to deal with individual strikers as they see fit. The nature of that dealing will be as "generous" as is characteristic of the traditional British sense of benevolent justice.

Unconcerned as it must remain as a "principal," the Hongkong Government is rightly anxious to do all in its power to end a regrettable state of affairs which has already lasted far too long with unhappy results both to the Chinese and foreign communities. The Canton Government knows full well all that has happened—all the overtures and suggestions. Yet, in its latest statement, it has adopted an attitude wholly at variance with its profession of keen concern and contributed nothing useful to the work of reconciliation.

More Breathing Space.

Reading in a Shanghai paper that the Municipal Council has been giving serious consideration to the question of reducing the number of insanitary and unhealthy native dwellings, we are reminded of the fact that Hongkong, itself, has a problem in this regard. True it is, that all dwelling houses here have to conform to a certain standard set by the Sanitary Department and that Hongkong is much better off than Shanghai in the matter of the housing of its Chinese population, but sight must not be lost of the fact that the cessation of the Colony's big building boom means that the work of improving the housing conditions will be slowed down. The opening up of big new districts such as Shainshuipo and Kowloon City meant that an outlet was being provided for the working-class Chinese congested in the western and eastern districts of the City of Victoria, and one can only regret that the tightening of the mony market and the uncertain prospects of the future have resulted in a great falling off of what was a very healthy development. But the Government and especially the Departments responsible for the public health should not lose sight of the fact that it is very essential to the well-being of this Colony that there should be expansion in the outlying districts, and every encouragement should be given to those disposed to embark on development enterprises. When one remembers that pulmonary diseases exact such heavy toll among the Chinese of Hongkong and that these diseases arise mainly because of overcrowded living conditions, the need for expansion is very clearly brought home. Apart altogether from the fact of rapid growth (more people and more industrial enterprises) there is every need for us to develop elbow room and breathing space, because the thousands of this Colony have for too long been crowded up in the narrow strip of

hill territory which lies between the hills of Victoria and the harbour. Cheap land, cheap transportation, and adequate public services can be the Government's contribution towards this very desirable end.

Remaining that it was a very serious offence, Major Wilson sent the son to prison for two months with hard labour. His mother was fined \$5 for hawking.

These facts show that the Government has gone very far in using its good offices to facilitate matters between Hongkong and the strikers.

The Government is still animated by the same sincere desire to see an early settlement and is ready to continue its efforts to assist the two sides.

DAY BY DAY.ALL HEALTHY THINGS ARE
SWEET TEMPERED.—Emerson.

The weather forecast for tomorrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

Mr. M. Manuk and Miss Manuk returned to the Colony to-day by the Suwa Maru after a three months' holiday in India.

A chimney fire in Jubilee Street last night was put out by the inmates and firemen before the outbreak made any headway.

It is Thanksgiving Sunday at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on the 31st instant, and at 6 p.m. there will be a special dedication service.

Mr. E. A. Gilmore, Vice-Governor of the Philippine Islands, is passing through Hongkong on the President Madison. He is on an unofficial trip to the United States.

Regarding the recent arrest of four Kuomintang delegates by the Tuan of Kiangsi, the latter has now telephoned to the Canton Government stating that they have been released.

The Hongkong Hotel Company announces that on the first of February the grill room will be re-opened on the roof garden, and special attention will be given to à la carte service and dinner parties.

At four o'clock this morning robbers, armed with a revolver and three daggers, entered a floor at No. 104, Tainan Street, Sham-sui-po. They searched the place and later left with money and property, to a total value of \$470.

Mr. Nicholas Roosevelt, a cousin of the late President Roosevelt, who is one of the editors of the *New York Times*, is a passenger on the President Madison, which arrived from Manila yesterday. He is in the Orient on a "writing trip."

On the evening of the 25th instant, a serious fire broke at Nam Kwan (South Gate) of Canton. The wind at the time was blowing very fresh from the north-east and the fire raged so fiercely that up to ten o'clock over a hundred houses had been destroyed.

There were nearly 400 guests present at the annual dance of the wardroom officers of H. M. S. Tamar, held on board last night, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Amongst those who accepted invitations were Lady Clementi, Vice Admiral Sir E. Alexandra-Sinclair, Major General C. Luard, H. R. H. Prince George, Commodore, Mrs. and Miss Stirling, and the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Dupuy. Music was supplied by the Brunswick Orchestra and the Tamar's

ASSAULTING POLICE.**MOTHER AND SON
SENTENCED.**

When a Chinese constable attempted to arrest a woman for hawking vegetables in Jubilee Street yesterday, her son interfered, and, at the Central Police Court this morning, before Major Wilson, he was charged with assaulting the policeman, while in the execution of his duty.

The constable said that when he arrested the woman, she refused to go with him, and her son came up, picked up the vegetables, and threw them away. He then shouted to witness "Are you going to release her or not?" and witness refused to do so. The defendant then said if he could take her to the police station he would be a hero, and when witness attempted to take the woman he caught hold of his (witness's) arm.

Another constable said he arrived on the scene just in time to prevent the defendant from striking the previous witness.

The defendant said he was wild when the constable tried to arrest his mother, and he simply remonstrated.

Remaining that it was a very serious offence, Major Wilson sent the son to prison for two months with hard labour. His mother was fined \$5 for hawking.

The Government is still animated by the same sincere desire to see an early settlement and is ready to continue its efforts to assist the two sides.

Canton, 25th January, 1926.

STRIKE ISSUES.**CANTON GOVERNMENT
STATEMENT.**

Last week the Hongkong Government issued a statement of its efforts to reach a settlement with Canton. The following communique has now been issued by the Canton Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in reply to that of the Hongkong Colonial Secretary.

"The Government at Canton had, from the time that the Hongkong Government showed a desire to commence negotiations with a view to a settlement of the strike, done everything possible to facilitate them. At the same time, it should be remembered that the strike was instituted by Hongkong workers, not for economic reasons, but as a protest against the British Government, primarily for the shooting which took place in Shanghai on May 30th last, and subsequently for the shooting which took place in Canton on June 23. The strike was therefore a political one in which the principals were the Hongkong Government and the workers; when later a boycott was instituted, Canton merchants and workers joined in as principals on the side of the Hongkong workers. The Government at Canton, though deeply interested in the issue, was not a party to the strike or boycott. Hence any formal negotiations taking place ought to be between the principals on the two sides and the Government could have no *locus standi* in them. The absurdity of the Government appointing plenipotentiaries to negotiate on a matter outside its powers need only be pointed out to be appreciated.

Obviously the only capacity in which it could participate, if it participated at all, was that of a mediator, and this was pointed out to the Hongkong Government. But the Hongkong Government was unwilling to negotiate directly with the strikers and merchants and desired to deal with the Government. This explains the failure of the first proposal to appoint four Hongkong merchants and of the second proposal to appoint officials. The Hongkong Government's reluctance to deal with the strikers is so much the more difficult to understand, having in view the frequency with which the British Government negotiates directly and effects settlements with strikers in Britain.

"Although the Government could not take part except as mediator in any formal negotiations, informally it did much to assist in bringing about an early settlement. When the Governor of Hongkong expressed a desire that a member of the Government should visit him in order to have a preliminary and informal exchange of views, one of its most important officials was sent at once for that purpose. When the Hongkong official, who later came to Canton separated the strikers' terms into two classes, political and economic, and expressed reluctance to negotiate with the strikers on the political terms, the Government agreed to send a formula for their negotiation if the economic terms were accepted in principle. Incidentally it may be mentioned that in the absence of such acceptance the mission of the eight Chinese merchants empowered to negotiate only on the economic terms was foreclosed to failure, aside from the added reason that the strikers could not see how they could negotiate with representatives of Hongkong Chinese merchants against whom they had no grievance and declared no strike.

As a further instance of the efforts made by the Government to facilitate settlement, when the Hongkong Government pointed out the difficulty of reinstating some of the strikers, the reinstatement and strike pay being the so-called economic terms, it agreed to advise the strikers to accept compensation instead, in those cases where reinstatement was actually impossible. Furthermore, it promised, when the Hongkong Government would agree in principle to the two economic terms, to use all its influence with the strikers to bring about an early settlement.

These facts show that the Government has gone very far in using its good offices to facilitate matters between Hongkong and the strikers.

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Canton, 25th January, 1926.

MORRISS'S SENTENCE.**WILL IT BE INCREASED ON
APPEAL?**

The legal correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*, writing under date of December 19th, states:

It seems to be overlooked in some quarters, which should be better informed, that the Court of Criminal Appeal has power to increase the penalties inflicted at trial.

The suggestion, therefore, that the sentences in the Morris case may be "upset" on appeal can carry a meaning not fully appreciated by some critics. The result of such action may have consequences not contemplated, presumably, by the prisoner, and it is hard to believe that Morris's legal advisors would recommend such a dangerous expedient.

The general astonishment at the inadequacy of the sentences on the male prisoner should be mitigated by the realisation that two years' hard labour is the severest penalty, save the capital penalty, known to our law.

In rigour, hardship and exactness it far exceeds the pain of a similar form of penal servitude. It was for this reason that the Court of Criminal Appeal has laid down the limit of two years to a possible term of penal servitude. It was that the punishment is of the severest character our system of justice is intended to inflict.

But it is certainly a defect in the administration of criminal justice that this humane limitation should operate to contract the just punishment in such a case as that of Morris, where a series of offences covering a considerable period are proved on indictment.

Doubtless this consideration moved Mr. Justice Avery to order a further period of 12 months without hard labour, and a substantial contribution towards the costs of the Crown.

The further sentence is a departure, but well warranted, and it is incredible that the Court of Appeal will fail to endorse it.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE.**HONGKONG OFFICERS
APPOINTED.**

Mr. Eric Rice, Assistant Secretary to the Overseas League, is leaving the Colony to-day. His visit has been very successful and many new members have been enrolled. He has arranged for a Committee to continue the work of the League in the Colony and hopes that they will be able to do much to forward the objects which the League has in view.

Enquiries may be addressed to members of the Committee who will be glad to give any information desired.

Mr. G. R. Edwards has kindly consented to act as the Official Secretary for the Hongkong Branch of the League.

Following is a list of the officers of the League in Hongkong:—Mrs. H. W. Bird, representing ladies of Hongkong; Miss Elma Birkett, representing the younger community; Mr. E. Bullock, representing Government Service; Mr. B. R. Foster, representing H. E. the Governor; Mr. G. R. Edwards, representing commercial firms; Mr. S. J. Jordain, representing Kowloon; Mr. S. T. Williamson, representing shipping; Lieut.-Colonel T. A. Robertson, representing Hongkong Club; Major J. Macready, D.S.O., representing the military; Mr. A. S. Abbott, representing stores; Mr. R. L. Moncrieff, representing banks.

**THE PHILHARMONIC
SOCIETY.****PROFITS FROM "IOLANTHE."**

It is pleasing to hear that the Philharmonic Society's production resulted in a profit of approximately \$700, the M.C.L., Hongkong Benevolent Society and the Missions to Seamen benefiting to the extent of \$200 each.

The Society proposes to stage a concert in April for which an interesting vocal and orchestral programme has been arranged, and, judging from past performances, another musical treat is assured.

Mr. R. W. Fleming, a musician of experience, has accepted the conductor's baton, in place of Mr. Collett, who is leaving the Colony, and the first rehearsal takes place in the Cathedral Hall on Monday next at 5.15 p.m. for chorus and Wednesday next at the City Hall at the same time for orchestra, when it is hoped that all interested will attend.

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HARBOUR THIEVES.

TWO MORE BEFORE MAGISTRATE.

Having apprehended and imprisoned two members of a gang of thieves, who for the last two years have been operating in the harbour, and caused a third to be banished from the Colony, the police arrested the remaining members of the party and two of them appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, one on charges of larceny of a quantity of rope and canvas from the s.s. Nam Sang and the s.s. Escondido. The other defendant was charged in respect of the theft from the former vessel only.

The master of a cargo boat was charged with receiving the stolen property, but was acquitted on the evidence being insufficient to prove guilty knowledge.

It was given in evidence that a party of police raided a cargo boat on the night of the 17th inst. and arrested the first defendant, who, on the approach of the police, jumped into the water, but later submitted to arrest.

The second defendant's arrest was later effected in a house at Shaukiwan, where a third man, alleged to be a member of the gang, jumped from a window, and was seriously injured.

The defendants admitted the charges and sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed on the first accused, while the second man, who had a previous conviction for larceny, was sent to prison for three months with hard labour.

EXPORTING MONEY.

THREE CASES IN COURT.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell investigated a charge of attempting to export the sum of \$500 from the Colony at the Central Magistracy this morning. The man on whom the money was found, by a Chinese constable, said he was a California merchant and was at the time seeing a clownsman off the Macao steamer. He displayed marked anxiety lest this sum be taken from him, and was at considerable pains to convince his worship that he really had forgotten he had taken this sum along with him.

The evidence of a number of police witnesses was taken, after which Mr. Lindsell said that there was a slight doubt, to the benefit of which the defendant would be entitled.

The case was accordingly dismissed.

Another passenger was fined \$10 on a similar charge. He denied that he had money in his possession.

The constable who searched him said he took \$10 from prisoner's breast pocket, and, making a more thorough search, took a further \$80 from his shoes.

A fine of \$25 was inflicted on a defendant, an old woman, who said that she was not aware of the regulations when she took \$252 with her on going aboard the Macao steamer.

QUESTION OF RIGHTS.

"MORAL" OR LEGAL.

Just what the margin was between a "moral right" and a "legal right" in a claim for possession, was defined in a case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy to-day.

On behalf of a client, who is a sub-contractor charged with making use of a number of planks belonging to the party with whom he had dealings under a contract, Mr. Lee d'Almada said that his client had a "legal right" to the planks, while Mr. C. A. S. Russ, for the other party in the case, only conceded that the claim was invested with a "moral right."

The Magistrate was informed that it had been decided to withdraw the case, both parties being of the opinion that there was no felonious intent. Mr. Russ submitted, however, that it was a "wrong claim of right."

The case was withdrawn.

LONDON SOCIETY WEDDING.



Photo taken at the wedding of Miss Laura Aitken (Lord Beaverbrook's sister) and Mr. D. M. Ramsay, of Bowland Stow, Midlothian, in London recently.

CHINESE ARMIES.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS AT HANKOW.

Hankow, Jan. 26. There is a complete stoppage of regular traffic on the Peking-Hankow railway. It is rumoured that the line is cut between Kioshan and Suiping. Meanwhile there are extensive troop movements from Hankow to Honan, troop trains leaving every hour this morning. Troops from other sections of Hupeh are concentrating here from Honan, and large number of troops have revolted against the Kuomintang, calling themselves the Tzecchow or self-Governing Army, and are camping with Hupeh in a northern expedition.—*Reuter*.

TALKING TO HONGKONG.

HOME RADIO AMATEUR'S SUCCESS.

Another remarkable accomplishment in wireless telephony is to be credited to Mr. E. J. Simmonds, the well-known amateur experimenter of Gerrards Cross, says *Electricity* of December 25. He has succeeded in carrying out a two-way communication with Hongkong, and the achievement is the more interesting in view of the fact that it was intelligible speech.

Here is an abridged record extracted from Mr. Simmonds' log: Two-way between China and Great Britain. G.20 D (Mr. Simmonds' experimental station) on 45 metres at 18.00 G.M.T. The China station received intelligible speech and gave the strength of telegraphy as R.8. The China station operated on 35 metres, and strength of signals was R.6-7. Valves used for transmission and reception, Osram, oscillator valve T. 250. The input at G.20 D, 100 watts.

Mr. Simmonds has many records in transmission and reception, and much of his success can be attributed to his original methods in the design and construction of his apparatus. A ten-metre receiver with a range of 8 to 70 metres used by him is reproduced herewith. Its simplicity is very clearly indicated, with glass supports to coils and H.F. choke, two valves, an Osram D. E. Q. and an Osram D. E. 5, and a couple of Geophone slow-motion low-loss condensers.

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JAPAN'S LOSS.

DEATH OF PREMIER.

Tokyo, Jan. 28. The death has occurred of Viscount Takaaki Kato, G.C.M.G., the Premier of Japan.—*Reuter*. Viscount Kato, who was 65 years of age, has for many years past been one of Japan's most prominent politicians. After his education at the University of Tokyo, he was Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in 1888-90. Four years later, having meanwhile held other offices, he



was appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of St. James, which post he held for five years, subsequently made Minister for Foreign Affairs. In 1908, Viscount Kato was appointed Ambassador in London and left in 1913 on being re-appointed Foreign Minister. He resigned but later rejoined the Government in the same office until his creation as a Viscount in 1916. To mark his many years service in London, he was given the G.C.M.G. decoration in 1915. It was in June, 1924, that he became Prime Minister.

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M.P.'S HOUSE DESTROYED.

MANY TREASURES LOST IN BLAZE.

While Sir Philip and Lady Richardson were opening a new playhouse at Walton-on-Thames, recently, their Weybridge residence, Aldenholme, was ablaze.

Informed of the fact by telephone, they hurried by motor-car to Weybridge, but when they arrived the fire had a firm hold, and it was apparent that little could be done to save the many treasures in the house.

While the upper stories were a mass of flames, and the roof on the verge of collapsing, Sir Philip led a band of willing helpers in an effort to save some of the furniture in the lower rooms.

Repeated journeys into the burning house resulted in the saving of only a small quantity of furniture and some of the photographs of Sir Philip's recent tour through East Africa and the Sudan.

Trophies Destroyed.

The whole of the furniture in the upper rooms, including many valuable pictures and trophies gained by Sir Philip when captaining English rifle teams in competitions in different parts of the world, were destroyed. The total loss is estimated at many thousands of pounds. The house was reduced to a mere shell.

Sir Philip, who is M.P. for Chertsey, returned from his 17,000 miles journey through East Africa recently. He is the Wallsend-on-Tyne shipbuilder and owner, and director of Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Wigham-Richardson.

Lady Richardson was the first M.P.'s wife to complete a course at the Philip Stott College, Northampton, the training centre for Conservative workers. She has helped her husband to win four elections.

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GERMANY'S CRISIS.

ATTEMPT TO FIND A WAY OUT.

In view of the enormous adverse balance of Germany's trade and the continually increasing number of business failures, the Federation of German Industries (Reichsverband der Deutschen Industrie) has issued a pamphlet in which the causes of the crisis are investigated and ways and means sought for an improvement of conditions. The main demand of industry is for greater economy in Federal, State, and Municipal expenditure; the demand is made for a 20 per cent reduction. In this connection it is of interest to note that the German national income amounted before the war to 42-43 milliards of marks, and is now estimated at 43-48 milliards. Pre-war taxation amounted to 14.2 per cent; the present-day percentage is 25 to 30. Ten per cent of the total national income now goes in pay and pensions of civil servants. It must also be remembered that the Dawes payments will only reach their proposed maximum in years to come.

The industrialists demand a reform of the railway tariffs by a permanent Tariff Commission, pointing out that in some cases the rates are as much as 300 per cent above pre-war. Demands are also made for a reduction of the burden of interest and for the restoration of mortgage advances for the agriculturists, whose financial difficulties are in large measure responsible for the existing economic crisis. Many cases are occurring of agricultural properties being compulsorily put up to auction, when, in consequence of the general tightness of money, no more than one-third to one-fourth of the pre-war prices is secured. With the Reichsbank discount rate at 9 per cent, the interest burdens which have normally to be paid by industry are double pre-war.

The industrialists admit that, just as in other countries there has been in Germany an excessive development of the apparatus of industrial production, and that reorganisation is in consequence inevitable. But the failures have not been confined to the firms with nothing behind them founded during and since the war, but include also a large number of firms, which may justly claim the right to exist. In order to prevent the process of reorganisation from being controlled by mere chance, the industrialists urgently recommend cartel and trust formation in many branches. The Potash Syndicate may be adduced as a model: its deliberately thought-out closing down of works resulted in the restoration of the prosperity of potash mining with unexampled rapidity. The syndicate is at present working only 90 of the most profitable of its 221 mining works. The great success of the foreign loans of the Potash Syndicate shows that the right course has been taken.

For the rest, the industrialists declare their intention of doing everything to rationalise methods of production, express their agreement with the existing protective system, advocate the continuance of industrial cartels, and oppose the eight-hour day and the adjustment of wages to the present rising prices.

This programme shows clearly the lines which the Government also is likely to follow in coming years. Many of the ideas in this carefully thought out programme are well worthy of attention, but, taken in all, it demands heavy sacrifices from ever other party—the revenue, the transport undertakings, and the workers—and it makes very few promises of sacrifices on the part of the industrialists. Above all, the consideration of the effects of the policy followed in the past summer has been avoided. Buyers and furnishers of industrial products in most branches contend that the industrialists' set their prices much too high as regards the home market. The programme of the Reichsverband makes no reference to these contentions. The increased duties introduced last summer enabled the German industrialists as a rule to monopolise the home market. They then successfully resisted wage increases to meet the increased prices, on the ground that times were too difficult. This was logically indefensible, since the artificial maintenance of wages at a low level when prices rise automatically brings a great reduction in purchasing power in the home market. The policy would only be rational if the cheaply produced goods could be thrown in large quantities on the external markets. But this is not to be done through a Protectionist tariff,

that has the opposite effect—the high German duties invited foreign countries to raise, not lower, their tariff walls against Germany. In point of fact, the German industry has had since the summer to battle with increased export difficulties; in recent months there has been some improvement, but mainly, at the cost of substantial price concessions forced from the manufacturers by their struggle for existence and by an unprecedented tightness of money. But the less the profit on foreign business the stronger is the insistence on high prices at home, which then result in reduced instead of increased sales.

The German industrialists are too short-sighted to face these problems—problems which call for courageous and energetic attack. To any impartial observer the most effective means of hastening the return to normally healthy conditions seems to be a reduction of the tariff walls; the other method, the increase of the level of wages, would be the beginning of fresh inflation, and after the experience of the past, no one will hear of this, not even the German industrialists, who imagined a few years ago that they could draw large profits from inflation, though, of course, they did not say so in public. The lesson of inflation has been learnt in Germany, and this is the best conceivable guarantee that there will be no fresh inflation.

Everyone, high and low, has learnt to reckon in gold values. It must, after all, be concluded that the programme of the Reichsverband der Deutschen Industrie offers in itself no indication of the way out of all the existing difficulties. Yet everyone in Germany agrees that it is quite impossible at present to foresee how the crisis will develop or how long it will endure.

CHANGES IN MAN.

SLOW DISAPPEARANCE OF TEETH.

The spine of the child at birth has only a single curve, like the adult chimpanzee and does not develop the curves typical of man until it has learned to walk alone, was a statement made by Dr. John Beattie in the course of a lecture at University College on the Erect Attitude and the characters that have survived from a previous arboreal life.

Dr. Beattie pointed out that the kangaroo among the Marsupials were particularly interesting, for geological remains showed that in the past they ran about like fox-terriers, but in the course of time their fore-limbs were shortened.

In the monkey group all were erect to a certain extent, but man had added the power of standing erect on straightened legs. The anthropoid ape, though he could not stand upright, possessed erect structure, but he depended on the straight action of his fore-limbs.

Changes were occurring at the present day. The number of teeth in man was being decreased, and the third molar was bound soon to go, so that one was faced more and more with the possibility of a chinless aristocracy, for as the teeth disappeared or receded the chin would also recede.

It was sometimes said that the anatomist could not explain how man lost his tail. What actually happened to-day in life was that as the child grew the tail was brought in and assumed a new function. The muscles of the tail were used to carry the weight of the intestines, which otherwise had nothing to support them in that region of the front of the body.

PRICELESS JEWELS IN TOMB.

WOMAN WHO ONCE RULED THE SAHARA.

Queen Tinhanan, ruler of the Agaear people who once inhabited the mountainous region of the Sahara, has been discovered at Tamanrasset, in an immense tomb filled with jewels.

The discovery has been made by a Franco-American group headed by Count Byron de Prokof, who is an honorary member of the Royal Geographical Society.

The queen has a golden diadem, and round her neck are fifteen ropes of pearls and precious stones.

On each of her arms are nine bracelets of gold and silver. The royal mummy reposes in the midst of a collection of wonderfully carved objects in wood and toilet requisites in copper and glass work that might grace the boudoir of a modern society woman.

A heap of precious stones—agates, emeralds, rubies, and onyx—lies beside her, while beautifully carved bowls contain the food intended for her passage to the world beyond.

A beautiful figure of a black Venus was also found in the tomb. All these objects have been packed in forty-six cases and are to be handed over to the Government of Algeria.

THE NEW VICEROY.

LORD IRWIN HONOURED BY HARROWGATE.

Lord Irwin, Viceroy-designate of India, recently received the freedom of Harrowgate "in recognition of patriotic, devoted and conspicuous services rendered by him to the Empire." As Mr. Wood, he was for 15 years Member of Parliament for the division of Ripon where Harrowgate is situated.

Referring briefly to the time before him in India, Lord Irwin said: "I know the difficulties of it. We all know the great change that is hovering and passing over the minds of men both here and there. I can only say that I should be less than human if I did not approach my task with some misgiving but I should also be less than human if in approaching it I was not encouraged by a constant knowledge of the kindness that has been so universally shown me. From these two things there springs a determination in the mind of your youngest freeman to seek to be not unworthy of your trust."

Sir Walter Raleigh, distinguished Oxford professor and eminent Shakespearean commentator, tells of a strange experience which befell him when he visited the United States. Because of misunderstanding, the reception committee missed Sir Walter at the New York pier. The Britisher noticed a man looking around as if trying to find someone and said, "Are you looking for me? I'm Sir Walter Raleigh." The American looked at him a moment and said, "The hell you are! How are you? My name's Christopher Columbus."

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PLAY AND PLAYERS.

THE INTERPORT TEAM
SELECTED.

[BY WANDERER.]

After a most interesting trial game, won by the Whites by four goals to one, the Interport football team was yesterday selected as follows:

Rodger (Club);
Wynne (Police) Capt.;
Wheeler (Kowloon);
Mitchell (Surreys);
Stewart (Club);
Bristow (Surreys);
Charlesworth (Surreys);
Humberstone (Surreys);
Gosano (Club de Recreio),
Butler (Surreys);
Mackleworth (Surreys).

Reserves: Howard (Club), Sims (Kowloon) and Brittain (Police).

The team contains nine of the players suggested in these notes last evening, the changes being in goal and at centre-half. No-one is likely to quarrel with the selection of George Rodger as goalkeeper, even though they may hold the opinion that Clark's physical advantages, coupled with his undoubtedly ability, make him the better man. Clark went into hospital on Tuesday and was therefore unable to turn out yesterday. This may have had some influence on the decision. Whether it did or not makes not the slightest difference, for Rodger is a splendid keeper and he has been playing well enough for the past three seasons to warrant the distinction.

About the centre-half there are most decided opinions, and highly as I think of Jimmy Stewart, both as a player and a sportsman, I do consider that Sims, of Kowloon, on his club form, is the better player. He did not shine except in attack in the trial game yesterday, but the team was no selected on the day's play, alone or Charlesworth, Bristow, and perhaps even Wynne might have found themselves ousted.

No doubt Jimmy will justify himself. He can rise to great heights at a critical juncture. His whole-heartedness is often a wonderful inspiration. He will play as hard in the last ten minutes as in the first. As vice-captain and centre-half much depends on him, and the responsibility can be left in his hands with perfect confidence. This does not affect my opinion of Sims.

The minds of a selection committee sometimes work in curious grooves, and leaving the team for the time being we discover a player is being sent up as a reserve who has not played in either of the trial matches. Brittain, I am referring to. A sound player, but a half-back. We have a reserve half-back in Sims. I hold no brief for anyone, but am surprised to see last year's captain left out of the fourteen. McElvie can fill eight positions, from back to forward at a pinch, and perform creditably in any.

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MULTUM IN PARVO.
Kowloon, league leaders and very possible champions, must be feeling distinctly encouraged, or if amused, at having one player and one reserve picked to go to Shanghai.

* * *
Humpty: What's John Player so stuck up about?
Dumpty: Oh, he thinks himself distinguished because he wasn't mentioned in one of the 3,221 Inter-port teams.

* * *
Aside to K. M.—We never have, but they would just laugh their heads off if we mentioned the feats to which you refer. You see they were performed in Kowloon. There are certain amenities to be observed, even in this case.

SOUTH CHINA GOING NORTH.
I am given to understand that the South China Athletic Association will be sending their first eleven to Shanghai at about the same time as the Interport team leaves. They will be competing in the China championships which are being played during the Chinese New Year.

CRICKET.

"YOUNG SPRINTERS" OUT-
PLAYED BY "OLD CRIPPLES."

A very interesting cricket match was played on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday between the "Young Sprinters" of H. M. S. Hawkins, the latter being victorious by over 50 runs.

"Old Cripes."

Com. Gray, b Stephenson	0
Lieut. Com. Armitage, retired	50
Com. Pott, c & Hussey	4
Com. Thomas, c de Berry, b Stephenson	10
Surg. Com. Hawkins, c and b Wilson	31
Lieut. Col. Cantrell, c Waughope, b de Berry	43
Lieut. Com. Bower, st. Halsey, b Hussey	39
Capt. Luke, b Stephenson	13
Lieut. Com. Bindloss b Stephenson	9
Lieut. Com. Mack, c Stephenson, b Yeoman	2
Lieut. Com. Bush, c Wilson, b Hussey	0
Pay Lieut. Com. Green, not out	0
Extras	12
Total	212

Bowling Analysis.	O. M. R. W.
Stephenson	10 1 51 4
Hussey	5 7 31 3
Nave	6 1 29
Edmonstone	6 1 10
Wilson	5 1 28 1
de Berry	7 1 49 1
Yeoman	1
Total	212

"Young Sprinters."	O. M. R. W.
Pay Lieut. Nave, b Lake	38
Pay Lieut. Hussey, retired	59
Sub-Lieut. Verker, c Bower, b Lake	1
Lieut. Walker, c Thomas, b Bush	1
Sing. Lieut. Browne, c and b Mack	7
Lieut. Yeoman, st. Armitage, b Bush	0
Capt. de Berry, run out	5
Pay Sub-Lieut. Wilson, l. b. w. Lake	5
Mid. Stephenson, l. b. w. Lake	10
Lieut. Edmonstone, c and b Lake	0
Lieut. Waughope, b. w. Lake	4
Lieut. Halsey, not out	17
Extras	19
Total	157

Bowling Analysis.	O. M. R. W.
Bower	5 - 10
Gray	2 - 17
Cantrell	6 - 34
Lake	10 2 31 6
Bush	6 2 15 2
Mack	1 - 10 1

SCOTTISH CUP.

REPLAYS AND THE NEW DRAW.

London, Jan. 27. The re-played Scottish cup-ties contested to-day resulted as follows:

Hearts	1 Dundee Un.	1
Airdrie	7 Queen o' South	0
Morton	4 Dykehead	1
Vale of Leven	1 Stenhousemuir	2
Buckie This.	1 Dumbarston	2

—Reuter.

SECOND ROUND DRAW.

London, Jan. 27. The draw for the second round of the Scottish Cup was made yesterday and resulted as follows:

Hibernians v. Airdrieonians.
Bo'ness v. Bathgate.

Falkirk v. Montrose.
Aberdeen v. Dundee.

Morton v. Raith Rovers.

Arthurlie v. Clyde.

Celtic v. Hamilton Acad.

Third Lanark v. Leith Ath.

Stenhousemuir v. Rangers.

St. Johnstone v. Queen's Park.

Solway Star v. Brechin City.

Arbroath v. St. Mirren.

Forfar Ath. v. Dumbarton.

Allon v. Dundee Un. or Hearts.

Partick v. King's Park.

Albion Rovers v. Peebles Rovers.

Matches will be played on February 6th.—Reuter.

TO-MORROW MATCH.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI, in a match against the 5/2 Punjabis, at Marina Ground, Kowloon, to-morrow at 5 p.m.:—

T. R. Rowell, C. L. R. Becher, J.

Wedgek (Capt.), E. F. Stewart,

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Norhosa, S. H. Garrad, D. Lyon,

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LAWN TENNIS TEST.

SOUTH AFRICA BEAT BRITAIN.

Cape Town, Jan. 27.

South Africa defeated the British

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by six matches to four.—Reuter.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB TEAM'S EASY WIN.

Some experimental changes were made of the Hongkong Hockey Club first eleven, when they met a side composed of naval men and other members of the Club, at the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, last evening. When no goals had been scored at half-time, the Club team was rearranged, and that the change was undoubtedly beneficial is proved by the fact that in the second half they succeeded in scoring five goals, whilst their opponents were unable to secure a single point.

At the beginning of the game the only notable change was that Garrod, who usually plays out, was seen in the position of goalkeeper, and although he was not tried to any great extent, he gave promise of being able to handle that position with ability. Dand was brought in at right back in place of Farquharson, who has left for Shanghai, and the halves were as usual; Hett, Mitchell, and Martin. Price and Nornha played on the left wing, and Lyon, and Owen-Hughes on the right, while Woodward was centre forward. During the first half the team played none too well, and on resuming Woodward went right back; Hett centre half; Dand right half; and Mitchell, centre-forward.

After this re-arrangement, the Club showed much improved form, Mitchell, in particular, distinguishing himself. His considerable speed and dexterity supplied what the attack had been lacking for the last few weeks, and he scored three of the goals. Hett showed himself to be fully capable of discharging the duties of the centre-half, and Dand appeared to be quite comfortable. Woodward's play showed that he is quite as capable in defensive work as he is in the forward line.

Although equally as good as the Club team in the first half, the sailors were hard pressed for the major part of the second half, although the forward brought off several promising attacks, which were unsuccessful. The wings were not strong, and the forwards' play was not characterised by any particularly good combination. Stewart, a Club member, was one of their best men, and was always to be found where the play was fiercest. All the team played with a will, but they were no match for the Club in the second half.

Play fluctuated considerably at the beginning of the game, both sides visiting the opposing goal in turn, and several shots going wide. Owen-Hughes scored a goal which was disallowed, and after Garrod had been tested twice, Price put wide with a good shot at the other end. Woodward was pulled up for offside, with a clear shot at goal, and Becher and Martin managed to pull up a counter-attack. After Wedlake, who was playing for the sailors, had effected several good clearances, Becher broke up a dangerous attack. Woodward put outside, and soon after he netted the ball, from a pass by Hett, but the point was again disallowed for an infringement.

With their team showing much better form, after the re-arrangement, the Club took up the offensive on resuming, and for the greater part of the half their opponents were busy defending. The forward line developed a surprisingly strong attack. For some time it was only occasionally that the sailors managed to relieve the pressure, and with the exception of a rally towards the end, Woodward and Becher did not experience a great deal of difficulty in keeping their goal clear of danger. From a pass by Hett, Lyon put the Club ahead, and Mitchell added another with a strong drive. The same player put on a third and fourth, and Nornha brought the total up to five. Towards the end the sailors improved, and were unfortunate with several shots.

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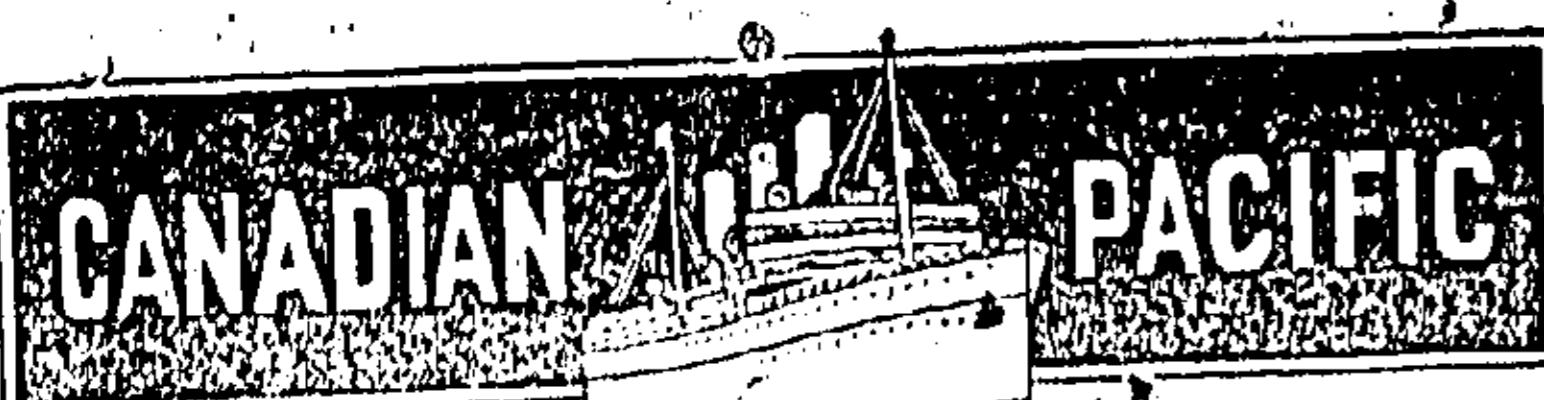
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AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.**TRAGEDIES OF THE SEA.****ITALIAN DEBT AGREEMENT.**

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Sydney, Jan 27.
New South Wales defeated Victoria, by an innings and 96 runs. The scores were:

New South Wales, 703
Victoria, 290 and 322.

For New South Wales, Collins made 143, Kippax 271 not out, and Kelleway 68. For Victoria, Ponsford made 79 and 138, and Woodfull 126. In the bowling, Everett, for New South Wales, took four wickets for 57 runs, and five wickets for 91 runs.

It is unofficially reported that the South Australian, Arthur Richardson, and the Victorians, Woodfull and Ellis, will complete the team to tour England, with Everett as sixteenth man if the number is extended.—Reuter.

WORLD COURT DEBATE.**OLD CONTROVERSIES REVIVED.**

Washington, Jan. 27.

In the Senate discussion on the World Court, a drastic application of the closure failed to stem the current of the debate. As the hour approached to take the final vote, old controversies with regard to the League policies, President Wilson and many other issues were raised again, and once or twice the debate touched the question of religious tolerance and the Ku Klux Klan. A distinguished company of spectators listened to the debate in the packed galleries.—Reuter's American Service.

RESOLUTION PASSED.

Washington, Jan. 27.

The senate by 76 votes to 17 has ratified the resolution providing adherence to the World Court.—Reuter's American Service.

FRENCH POLITICS.**GROUPING OF PARTIES.**

Paris, Jan. 27.

The Chamber has postponed the definite appointment of the permanent committees. The documents distributed yesterday on the division of Deputies amongst the different groups show for the first time the existence of an independent Left, composed of 14 members, ten of whom belong to the Democratic Left, and four Republican Left. The Left Democrats now comprise 34 members, and the Republican Left 32.

There is no change in the other groups excepting the Radical Party which has lost four members; the Socialists who have lost six, the Republican Socialists who have lost two.—Indopacif.

RUBBER MARKET.**LATEST STRAITS QUOTATIONS.**

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of a cable from Singapore notifying a slight increase in the price of rubber, which is now quoted at \$1.10 per lb. The cable also intimates that the Lunas Rubber Estates, Ltd., has declared a final dividend of 20%, and gives the following quotations:

Strains

Allenby \$ 3.10
Alor Gajah 2.90

Ayer Moleks 2.80

Ayer Panas 13.50

Balgowrie 5.25

Basslets 1.35

Brogas 1.75

Bukit Jelokongs 1.20

Bukit Katilis 1.35

Changkat Serdanga 9.00

Comonara 2.75

Glenalees 2.60

Inbragirls 10.00

Jerams 1.45

Jimabs 2.30

Kedahs 3.80

Kempas 9.50

Kunla Sidims 4.20

Lunas 17.60

Malaka Pindas 2.80

Malakoffs 5.00

Mandatekongs 0.95

Mayfields 14.00

New Screndahs 4.50

Nylas 14.00

Pajams 13.60

Punggors 1.35

Sandycrofts 4.25

Scudials 2.85

Sungol Bagans 6.00

Tapahs 29.00

Tambaks 1.35

Teluk Anorts 17.50

Untan Malaceas 2.70

Utan Simpans 4.50

Tapahs 29.00

FIGHT AGAINST MID-ATLANTIC GALE.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jan. 27.

A wireless from the German steamer Bremen reports that the British freighter Laristan has broken up in mid-Atlantic with the loss of twenty-five members of the crew. This is the final chapter in the heroic efforts of the Bremen which stood by for twenty-four hours and rescued six of the Laristan's crew, but mountainous seas frustrated further efforts.

A similar fight is in progress a few miles to the south, the American liner, President Roosevelt having hitherto lost two men and six boats in trying to rescue the crew of twenty-four of the British steamer Antinoe. The rescuers have been forced to suspend operations pending the abatement of the gale.—Reuter.

GERMAN POLITICS.**GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME APPROVED.**

Berlin, Jan. 27.

At the opening of the debate on the Government's programme in the Reichstag, the Centre leader, Herr Fehrenbach and the Socialist, Herr Mueller approved of the programme. Herr Mueller demanded that Germany should enter the League without delay and unconditionally. He agreed that with the other parties' view that promises made to Germany had not been fulfilled, but declared that opposition to their fulfilment did not come from statesmen but from militaries of the Entente, owing to the "sword rattling" of the Germany Nationalist press.

Count Westarp, the leader of the German Nationalists, bitterly criticised Herr Stresemann's policy and remarked that the impossibility of carrying out the Dawes Plan was "now generally recognised".—Reuter.

Amid interruptions from the Right, Herr Luther refused to give information of negotiations between Germany and the Allies. He said the Reichstag must support and not merely tolerate him. He demanded a positive vote of confidence, which will be voted tomorrow and will probably be adopted by a small majority.—Reuter.

TERMS EXPLAINED.

In an interview with the Press after the agreement had been signed, Mr. Churchill made a detailed explanation of its terms. He pointed out that Italy's credit on a secure and stable basis, and that the concessions which Britain had made would be more than compensated by this further step in restoration of Europe.

NEW TERRITORY ROBBERY.**TWO VILLAGERS KIDNAPPED.**

From an outlying station in the New Territories has come a report to the effect that armed robbers, who raided the village of Lung Ku Tan, escaped after kidnapping two of the villagers.

In the small hours of this morning, a widow living with her family in one of the houses in the village, was awakened by someone knocking at the door, demanding admittance. When the door was opened, two men rushed in and proceeded to hold up the inmates with arms. While a search was being made for valuables, three other members of the gang, who were left to keep a watch outside, went to a neighbouring house from which they kidnapped two boys, the son and nephew of the old woman. The gang was armed with rifles and revolvers and it is reported, made a haul amounting to \$400.

They later left in a small boat, escaping in the direction of Lin-tin Island.

ANGLO-FRENCH CONVERSATIONS.**SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN IN PARIS.**

Paris, Jan. 27.

M. Briand met Sir Austen Chamberlain on his arrival from Rapallo. The latter proceeded to the British Embassy and it is expected he will spend two days in Paris, and confer with M. Briand to-morrow, proceeding to London on Friday.—Reuter.

ITALIAN DEBT AGREEMENT.

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Britain under all the Allied War Debt Funding Agreements. Thereafter a similar account will be drawn up by the British Treasury each year and any further excess of receipts over payments shall each year give rise to a credit to Italy of her proportion of such excess. On the other hand, any deficit shall be made good by an increase in payments next due by Italy up to a similar proportion of such deficit within the limit of the amount of credits already allowed to Italy under this article.

Finally, the agreement stipulates that the \$22,200,000 of gold belonging to Italy, which was deposited under the agreements of 1915 against the Italian Debt, will be retained by Great Britain as a non-interest-bearing deposit, and will be released to Italy as to the sum of £1,000,000 in eight equal half-yearly instalments commencing on the 15th September, 1928, and terminating on the 15th March, 1932, and as to the balance, in equal half-yearly instalments commencing on the 15th September, 1932, and terminating on the 15th September, 1937, provided always that all annuities due under the agreement have been integrally paid to date.

Before the signatures were appended to the agreement, short speeches were made by Mr. Churchill and Count Volpi.

Mr. Churchill said that the British Government, in leaving him wide discretionary power in the negotiations, had desired him to take into consideration the whole course of Britain's happy relations with Italy in the immense tasks of the war and the period of reconstruction. Great Britain had always recognised that payment of the debt must take full account of the capacity of payment of the debtor. He was glad to have been able to carry through a definite settlement which, in the judgment of the British Government, was of a most generous character, having regard to Britain's own obligations. He believed this settlement would cement the long and unbroken bonds of Anglo-Italian friendship.

He was sure it would conduce to the re-establishment of Italy's credit on a secure and stable basis, and that the concessions which Britain had made would be more than compensated by this further step in restoration of Europe.